



Born in I.T. in 1903

Original enrollee Daisy Blackbird dies



Daisy Blackbird

Daisy Blackbird, an original Chickasaw enrollee, died April 12 in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Blackbird was 109. Daisy Hawley was born Jan.

18, 1903 at her parents' farm at Byrd's Prairie, near Tupelo, Indian Territory. Her parents, Arthur Edwin Hawley and Elizabeth Colley Hawley, would have 10 children, and Daisy was the second oldest.

The family moved to Tupelo and Daisy graduated from Tupelo High School. Following high school, she and a sister moved to Kansas and Daisy earned her teacher's certificate from Pittsburg State Teachers College.

Following her graduation, she returned to the Chickasaw Nation and taught school at Coalgate, Okla.

She and her sister later moved to Oklahoma City where Daisy took a job as a payroll clerk for the Oklahoma Supreme Court. During her time as a clerk, she met her future

husband, Justice William H. Blackbird. The couple was married in 1951.

"Daisy was a wonderful lady," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "She was very kind and was tremendously proud of her Chickasaw heritage. She was certainly a great example of the dynamic women of the Chickasaw Nation."

Mrs. Blackbird is listed on the original Dawes Commission Rolls along with her mother, a brother and two sisters. She was enrolled in 1905 and was allotted 160 acres.

Mrs. Blackbird had been a resident of Oklahoma City for over 50 years, and was a member of First Christian Church of Oklahoma City since 1949.

She was preceded in death

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May 18-19 at Kullihoma will mark 15th Annual Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion)

KULLIHOMA - The 15th Annual Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 18-19, at Kullihoma. The gathering is free and welcomes Chickasaws and guests from across the country.

The reunion will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, followed by a hamburger fry, youth and co-ed stickball, cultural demonstrations and a social dance lasting until 10 p.m.

The cultural demonstrations will include corn husk dolls,

beadwork, moccasin making, Chickasaw games, language, basket weaving and traditional clothing.

Saturday's events will kick off at 9 a.m. Activities will include a youth fishing derby, cornstalk shooting contest, youth and adult archery competitions, blow-gun competition, squirrel-stick throw, loksi (turtle) races, storytelling and stickball games.

A traditional meal of pashofa, fry bread, salt meat and grape dumplings will be served

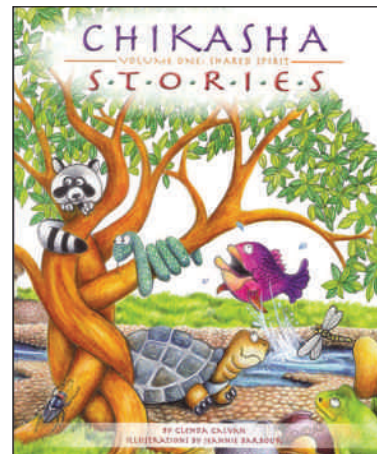
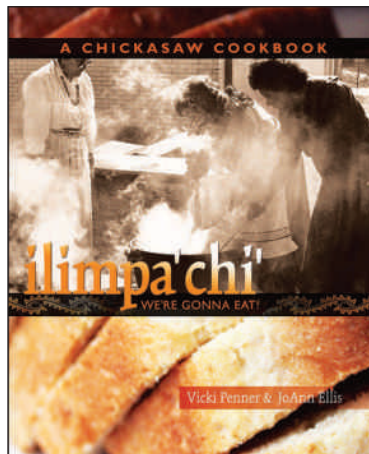
for Saturday lunch.

For guests wishing to stay the night, overnight camping spaces are available including tent spaces and a limited number of RV hook ups.

To reach the site, take State Highway 1 northeast from Ada seven miles to the Kullihoma sign. Then travel three miles east and one mile south.

For information, contact the Cultural Resources Department at (580) 332-8685.

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Ilimpa'chi' and *Chikasha Stories, Volume One* took home Oklahoma Book Awards in Design/Illustration and Children/Young Adults categories.

Chickasaw Press entries win Oklahoma Book Awards

OKLAHOMA CITY - *Chikasha Stories, Volume One: Shared Spirit* and *Ilimpa'chi' (We're Gonna Eat!): A Chickasaw Cookbook* were named winners of the Children/Young Adults and Design/Illustration awards, respectively, during the 23rd Annual Oklahoma Book Awards event. The awards were handed out April 14 during the annual banquet at the Oklahoma Sports Hall of

Fame and Jim Thorpe Museum in Oklahoma City.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the authors, artists and others responsible for producing the books deserved the honors for their accomplishments.

"We expect these books to have a very positive impact in the homes of Chickasaws across the country," said Gov.

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Gov. Anoatubby: Sustainability, quality keys to water future in Chickasaw, Choctaw Nations

OKLAHOMA CITY - Protecting and nurturing the natural resources of the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations remains vital to the quality of life and dynamism of the area, Gov. Bill Anoatubby said during a recent presentation at a water forum in Oklahoma City.

State law regarding water was also a critical issue, Gov.

Anoatubby said, and those laws' consumptive focus presented fundamental challenges.

The April 11 forum, "Oklahoma Water: Sustainable Economic Growth," was sponsored by the Oklahoma Academy and hosted by Oklahoma City University. Gov. Anoatubby's

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Anoatubby. “These stories and recipes may very well inspire many more Chickasaws to continue including traditional food, stories and culture as part of their family life for generations to come.”

Sanford Mauldin’s photography and the designs of Skip McKinstry and Aaron Long were honored for Ilimpa’chi’, while storyteller Glenda Galvan and artist Jeannie Barbour were recognized for their work on Chikasha Stories.

Division of History and Culture Administrator Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham said that the Chickasaw Press continues to meet its mission of preserving, perpetuating, and providing an awareness of Chickasaw history and culture.

“When Governor Anoatubby founded the Press in 2007, he had a vision for the future. From day one, the Chickasaw Press set out to provide quality publications that told the Chickasaw story,” said Dr. Cobb-Greetham. “Tonight, that vision takes another step in the right direction. I’m so proud of everyone who was involved in these projects. There are a lot of blood, sweat and tears in these books. It was truly a team effort.”

About the Oklahoma Book Awards

The awards recognize books written the previous year by Oklahomans or about Oklahoma. Of the 121 books entered in the competition, 35 were selected finalists.

About Chikasha Stories, Volume One: Shared Spirit

In *Chikasha Stories, Volume One: Shared Spirit*, premier Chickasaw storyteller and tribal elder Glenda Galvan tells traditional stories drawn from the tribe’s oral traditions. Illustrating the tales are original artworks by award-winning Chickasaw artist Jeannie Barbour. Presenting the stories in both English and Chickasaw, *Chikasha Stories* is the first of an important series of books intended to revive and maintain the storytelling tradition so vital to the roots of Chickasaw and Native culture.

About Ilimpa’chi’ (We’re Gonna Eat!): A Chickasaw Cookbook

Recipes, reminiscences and lessons in Chickasaw life-ways are the main ingredients in *Ilimpa’chi’ (We’re Gonna Eat!): A Chickasaw Cookbook*. Well-known Chickasaw cooks

JoAnn Ellis and Vicki Penner share more than 40 recipes, accompanied by scenes from their lives spent cooking, eating and growing up around foods prepared in Chickasaw kitchens and over outdoor cooking fires. Their stories reveal the organic connections among food, family and Chickasaw history. Presenting traditional and traditionally inspired recipes for wild game, meat and fish, wild vegetables

and fruits, garden produce and breads, they describe and celebrate the roles of these dishes in the feasts of Chickasaw culture.

About The Chickasaw Press

The Chickasaw Press, the first tribal press of its kind, publishes books about Chickasaw history and culture. Both

books are available through the Chickasaw Press at www.chickasawpress.com or (580) 622-7157 and the University of Oklahoma Press, <http://www.oupres.com>. These and other books from the Chickasaw Press can also be purchased at the Chickasaw Cultural Center Gift Shops in Sulphur, Okla.

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presentation, “A Vision for All Oklahomans,” led off the event.

“We believe it is our civic responsibility to protect not just the water, but the activities the water produces and the people who rely on those activities,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “In state law, consumptive uses of water are prevalent,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Non-consumptive users – those who derive economic benefit from the lake from tourism and other sources – are not adequately considered.”

When considering the water resources of the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, he said, steps must be taken to ensure long-term sustainability.

“In order for our state to progress, the needs of urban Oklahoma and the needs of the rural parts of Oklahoma must be considered,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “We require a science-based environmental stewardship of this precious resource.”

The tribes, he said, were taking the state water plan a step further.

“We want to look at water quality, the environment, our culture, the people’s recreational needs, and produce an unbiased external view compiled by experts,” Gov. Ano-

tubby said. “Technical accuracy and science will dictate our solutions.”

History – tribal, pre-statehood and post-statehood – all contribute, Gov. Anoatubby said, to the proper understanding of water in the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations.

“It is not always well understood that we (tribes) are first and foremost governments,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “As Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, I have a constitutional responsibility. As a sovereign entity, direct government-to-government discussions are called for.”

A unique aspect of the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations is how the new lands in Indian Territory were transferred to the tribes. While the vast majority of federally-recognized tribes have “reservations” for which the U.S. holds title in trust, the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations held fee title of their lands in what would become Oklahoma.

“It was guaranteed that our lands would never become part of a state,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “We are part of Oklahoma and we are proud Oklahomans. And history instructs

us that (tribes) have continued to maintain authority for our natural resources.

“We came to Indian Territory from our original homelands, the rich river bottom land which now makes up parts of Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “We were removed from our homelands as part of the Indian Removal Act. Our treaties with the U.S. government provided for new lands comparable to those we were leaving.”

The 1832 Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek and the 1837 Treaty of Doaksville, Gov. Anoatubby said, secured the new lands and their natural resources for the tribe. The U.S. Supreme Court, he said, had on a number of occasions in the 20th Century affirmed the unique strength of the treaties.

The “Oklahoma Water” forum brought together a number of presenters. Tribal representatives, conservation advocates, state water board spokesmen, rural water district officials, elected state officials, Oklahoma municipal officials, utility operators and more spoke at the event.

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by her husband; her parents; three brothers, Roy Hawley, Fred Hawley and Ralph Hawley; and five sisters, Lydia Hawley, Nell Crosby, Bess Kroutil, Emily Starnes and Betty Lee Gibson.

She is survived by her youngest sister, Wanda Montgomery, of the home; and numerous nieces and nephews and friends who will cherish her

memory.

Funeral services were April 18 at First Christian Church. Interment followed in Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma City.

Memorials may be directed to the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum, Suite 200, 900 N. Broadway, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

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A long tradition of Indian military service for America

May is the time of year when new life is bursting forth around us. The trees, the grass, the flowers are all coming on strong and making our world more beautiful.

It's also a great time of year for students, who look forward to fun, productive summers and – for graduates – the new challenges that lie ahead.

May is also the time when we honor all those Americans who have given their lives in defense of our country.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day and came into being during the War Between the States. Families of Union soldiers began decorating the graves of their fallen relatives in May, and Southern women's organizations were doing the same in Virginia.

Indian warriors began serving the American Revolutionaries before the rebels had driven out the British and formed the new country. They also fought alongside the Americans during the War of 1812, driving the British out one more time.

Indian men fought with both the Union and the Confederacy during the War Between the States.

Indian warriors from Indian Territory were recruited by Theodore Roosevelt and fought with the Rough Riders in Cuba during the Spanish-American War in



**GOV. BILL
ANOATUBBY**

Governor,
the Chickasaw
Nation

1898.

More than 12,000 Indians fought in World War I, and most of the Indian soldiers from our area fought with the 142nd Infantry in France.

More than 44,000 Indian military men and women fought in the European and Pacific Theatres during World War II. Participation was very high as the Indian population at that time was only about 350,000.

Many Chickasaw and other Indian soldiers fought in Korea. During the Vietnam War, more than 42,000 Indian men and women – 90% of them volunteers – were engaged, many in combat operations.

Of course, many Indians continue to volunteer, now for the Middle East conflicts.

In 1912, a U.S. Army major said, "The real secret that makes the Indian such an outstanding soldier is his enthusiasm for the fight."

I think that statement truly captures the courage, patriotism and commitment of Indian people toward their country. Although many Indians were not even allowed to become U.S. citizens until 1924 with the signing of the Snyder Act, the vast majority were and are tremendously supportive of America.

It is interesting that Memorial Day 2012 falls on May 28. On that very day, in 1830, Andrew Jackson signed into law the Indian Removal Act. That legislation, of course, opened the doors to Removal of the Five Civilized Tribes from their Southeastern homelands.

It is difficult for many non-Indians to understand why Indian people are so fervently patriotic and willing to risk all for their country. For us, it is not difficult at all – we simply love our country.

On Memorial Day, we honor our Indian veterans – and all American veterans – who have sacrificed so much in defense of America.

Chris Anoatubby, T.W. Shannon named 'Achievers Under 40' by *Journal Record*



Chris Anoatubby



Rep. T.W. Shannon

Two Chickasaw professionals will be among young leaders from across Oklahoma honored as "2012 Achievers Under 40" by *The Journal Record* this month.

Chris Anoatubby and Oklahoma State Rep. T.W. Shannon, will be honored during the Ninth Annual *Journal Record* "Achievers Under 40: Rewarding the Climb." The event is set for 11:30 a.m., May 24 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City.

"The mission of *The Journal Record*'s 'Achievers Under 40' is to honor and recognize the accomplishments of Oklahoma's talented young leaders who

have chosen to make Oklahoma their home," said *Journal Record* publisher Mary Melon.

Mr. Anoatubby, of Ada, serves as the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce Chief Medical Solutions Officer. He is a member of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, the American Pharmacists Association, the Ada Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors and Leadership Oklahoma Class XXIV.

Mr. Anoatubby and his wife, Becky, live in Ada with their three children, Brendan, Eryn and Sydney.

State Rep. Shannon, of Lawton, was recently elected House

Speaker-Designate for the 54th Oklahoma Legislature.

He served as an administrative officer for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce prior to entering public service.

Rep. Shannon is a sixth generation Oklahoman first elected to the House in 2006.

He and his wife, Devon, are the parents of two children, Audrey Grace and Tahrohon Wayne II.

"Chris and Rep. Shannon are dedicated to serving the people of the state, and Chickasaw citizens," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "We are proud to help honor these dedicated leaders who are committed to moving Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation forward."

The "Achievers Under 40" were chosen by a committee of state leaders. The "Achievers Under 40" will be honored at the event and profiled in a special publication of *The Journal Record*.

To make reservations for the lunch, call Sunny Cearley at (405) 278-2830 or email sunny.cearley@journalrecord.com

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Honor Guard at St. Patrick's parade



Members of the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard, from left, Michael Worcester, Cecil Underwood, Mike Reed, Roy Worcester, Ben Willis and Paul Wilson prepare to lead the "Veterans Honoring Veterans" parade, on St. Patrick's Day, March 17 in downtown Oklahoma City.



Bernie Seeley, left, Chickasaw Honor Guard, welcomes Paul Wilson, the newest member of the guard, in a swearing-in ceremony conducted recently. Mr. Wilson is one of 16 Chickasaw Honor Guard members. The Chickasaw Honor Guard conducts military honors at funerals and memorial services, as well as participates in various tribal functions and patriotic activities.

May marks 182 years since Indian Removal Act signed

It has been written that in order to know where you are going, you must understand where you have been.

The richness of Chickasaw history makes it imperative that we frame our modern tribal accomplishments in light of our unique past.

The Chickasaw Nation was a very valuable ally to the new nation that would become the United States. Chickasaw warriors were skilled in battle planning and strategy, and in the field there were no better fighters than the Chickasaws.

Following the victory by the Americans and the eventual departure of the British from the continent

in 1783, the Chickasaw Nation and a number of other Indian allies were held in high esteem. It is well known the U.S. Constitution recognizes the sovereignty of the tribes, and this was no doubt aided by the tribes' key contributions during the Revolutionary War.

However, as we know, things would change in the country.

By 1829, many states, particularly in the South, lobbied for the removal of a number of tribes, including the Chickasaws, from their ancestral homelands. Georgia, notably, was engaged in a legal dispute with the Cherokees over control of historic Cherokee lands.

With the election of Andrew Jackson to the American presidency in 1828, the Chickasaws came under intense pressure

to "relocate" from our homelands.

On May 28, 1830, Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act into law. This Act, of course, led to our Removal to Indian Territory later in the 1830s.

One hundred and eighty-two years ago this month, our Chickasaw ancestors embarked on a journey of physical, mental and spiritual upheaval. We all know the story of Removal and the tremendous suffering and challenge our people endured.

We know of the loss of our leased lands to the west following the War Between the States; the allotment period; the attempts to extinguish our tribe and assimilate our people; the second elimination period.

We also know that our history has guided us to unparalleled achievement. For the past 50 years – and the past 25 most markedly – the Chickasaw Nation has developed the premiere tribal government in the country!

Yes, we know where we have been, and we are blessed by the sacrifices and the "never give up" attitude of our ancestors. And yes, we know where we are going! The prosperity, fulfillment and happiness of Chickasaw people are our constant goals.

Our unique history instructs us and leads us in this modern age. We will always honor our forebears by achieving more – today and into the future.

A special note to our Chickasaw veterans - I was recently in Washington, D.C., where I visited the Veterans' Memorial and World War II Memorial. It was very moving. Thank you Chickasaw veterans for your loyal and dedicated service.



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Tribal business anniversary highlights 34 years of success

Did you know that in May 1978 the Chickasaw Nation entered the world of business?

That's right! Just 34 years ago our tribe started what was then known as "Chickasaw Enterprises." The decision to enter business, and the way our tribal businesses have "taken off" over the past 20 years in particular, defines our tribe in a number of ways.

I remember what it was like at the tribe back in 1978. I was a tribal employee, and I can tell you there were not very many of us! Our tribal government relied almost entirely on funds supplied by the federal government. All of our programs and

services were seriously underfunded, but we did our best as employees to help our people any way we could.

Gov. Anoatubby was our lieutenant governor in 1978. It became pretty clear he understood business and had plans to grow our tribal enterprises. The fact that Gov. Anoatubby had his bachelor's degree in accounting didn't hurt!

It wasn't long after Gov. Anoatubby's first term began in 1987 that we began to see a new emphasis on good, solid businesses that could properly fund our tribal programs and services.

There were some fits and starts, as there always are in business, but we began meeting with success. Gov.

Anoatubby knew the federal funding could never begin to take care of the many needs of Chickasaw people, and he was determined to establish a new funding source.

We have sure come a long way from the days of paper bingo!

Today, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce operates an impressive list of businesses. The net income those businesses provide help fund the many, many programs and services we enjoy today – education, health care, elder and youth services, family services, wellness, transportation – and so much more!

To some of us, 34 years does not seem like a very long time! Over those years, our tribal businesses have gone from making very little to providing the millions of dollars we can access today.

A tribal financial report appears each month in *the Chickasaw Times*. Take time to look it over and you will understand how far we have come!

God Bless you and Chipisala'cho (I will see you!)
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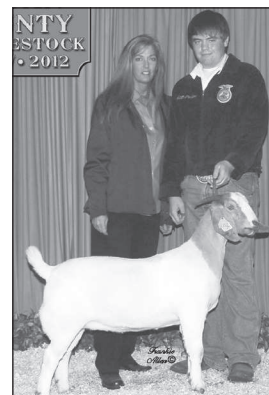
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Premium Sale brings out best in Chickasaw breeder

May already! This time of year is busy, busy, busy. I had

the opportunity to attend the Bryan County Premium Livestock Sale, where I met Aaron Purkins. Aaron is the son of Billy and Janie Purkins. His grandparents are Joe and Carol Harlin Purkins. Showing goats has been a main event for Aaron since kindergarten. His goat won Grand Champion Doe at the County Fair his first grade year! A sign of things to



Beth Alexander with Aaron Purkins.

come! Aaron works tirelessly to oversee and maintain his Boar Goat herd. He constantly strives to improve the bloodlines, by breeding, selling or buying the necessary stock. Just last month, there were 14 kids born into the herd! Aaron is a sophomore at Caddo High School, likes to play basketball and is very active in FFA. He is on the Principal's Honor Roll and a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club for good grades and attendance. If you are looking for a quality Boar goat for show contact Aaron Purkins of Caddo, OK. There are proven winners in his herd!

The All Nations Powwow of Ada was an exciting event. The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard led the Grand Entry followed by members of The Chickasaw Tribal Legislature. Customarily

the type of dancing at powwows is derived from the Western and Plains Indians. Chickasaws are known as stomp dancers. We have a different type of dance. The varieties of dance styles are based on tribal customs and traditions. Congratulations to Faithlyn Taloa Seawright on being crowned the first princess for the All Nations of Ada Powwow. She is an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation and the daughter of Larry Seawright and Gwen Burris.

Bloomfield Cemetery News: Last month I mentioned that Dr. HF Murray was the superintendent of Bloomfield Indian School in the 1860s. Another distant relative of Dr. Murray's called me, Rev. Jim B. Gause, of Arlington, Texas. He and Mr. Richard Murray had a wonderful time getting acquainted and discussing family ancestors!

Several Legislators took a flying trip to the Northern California Chickasaw Community Council in Roseville, California. We left home at 10:30 a.m. and returned to Ada around 7:30 p.m. that same day! It was great to meet and visit with Chickasaw citizens. Thank you to Mr. Philip Reynolds and David Clubb for leading the meeting. Mr. Clovis Hamilton of the Language Department was the guest speaker. The presentation was very informative and encouraged us to embrace our native Chickasaw Language.

The Panola District Senior Center is experiencing change. Our beloved Senior Center Director, Mrs. Melba Love, is retiring. Melba was always willing to lend a hand and have a positive word of encouragement. May you enjoy your retirement, Melba and Rastus. You shall be greatly missed!

A gray head is a crown of glory; It is found in the way of righteousness. Proverbs 16:31

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Melba Love

Increase in patient visits
dictates addition of physicians

Hello Everyone,

As the second anniversary of the opening of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center approaches, I wanted to focus on the good healthcare that is available to the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation.

We live in a time when healthcare and the lack of affordable healthcare is a “hot topic” among politicians, tribal leaders, healthcare providers and most importantly, the patient. With the current economic times, government healthcare agencies are seeing a decline in their funding, a drop in their services and in some cases an exodus of healthcare workers looking for stable and long-term employment.



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As the need for additional services and additional facilities grows, so does the access to good healthcare for our citizens. With two additional outpatient facilities being built in Ardmore and Tishomingo, and the recent purchase of an adolescent treatment center for young people, we as citizens can rest assured that our tribe re-invests its money back into good services for its people.

The medical staff at the CNMC is also growing with the addition of new physicians. Radiology and Teleradiology departments have added Robin Acker, M.D., Erich Muckala, D.O., Nina Jones, M.D., Stephen Back, M.D., and Hooby Yoon, M.D.

Optometry has added Megan Slate, O.D., the Internal Medicine Department has added Dong Zhao, M.D., and the Emergency Department has added Lindsay Marshall, D.O., and Justin Roulston, D.O.

The total of patients seeking healthcare at CNMC has also grown. In March of 2012 the facility treated 802 Internal Medicine patients, 45 more visits than the same time last year. The Emergency Department had 4,361 visits, an increase of 273 visits from last March. The Pediatric Department saw an increase of 343 visits; the Family Practice saw an increase of 602 patients; 12 more babies were delivered; and 48 additional surgeries were performed.

As a Tribal Leader, healthcare is also a top priority and I am proud that we have the capability of providing great healthcare to our citizens.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and please remember to say a prayer for our men and women in the military and to remember those we have lost during our upcoming Memorial Day.

Thank you,

Connie Barker, Tribal Legislator Pickens District Seat 2

Conservancy Reserve on
Blue River a positive step

Hello Everyone,

In March, I traveled to the banks of Blue River for the dedication ceremony of Oka Yanahli, the newest reserve of The Nature Conservancy. “Oka’ Yanahli,” Chickasaw words that translate to English as “water flowing,” were chosen as the name for this latest TNC reserve.

This portion of Blue is located southeast of Connerville, Okla., and is part of the Ida Ned original allotment. Ida was the aunt of Chickasaw elder, David Poe.

In this part of Blue, the river gently flows over a rock ledge, falls to a lower plane and creates a wonderful, bubbling sound as it rushes downstream.



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While river cane that fed Chickasaw livestock and provided shafts for arrows does not grow along Blue River, the first Chickasaws who came to Oklahoma cherished Blue River for its seemingly endless, cold and clear water. They hunted and fished along Blue’s banks and enjoyed reprieves from the summer heat in the cool air under the big shade trees that grow over Blue.

When I was small, Grandpa would tell me, “There will come a time when you will have to pay for water. It will cost more than gas or oil, and you may see the time when wars are fought over water.”

At the time, I couldn’t imagine paying for water. We got all the water we needed from our own well.

As I listened to the soothing sounds of Blue’s clear, cold waters, I thought about Grandpa’s prophetic warning.

He was right. First, it came to pass that I began, like most everybody, to pay a monthly water bill.

Today, if I buy the equivalent of a gallon of bottle water at a convenience store, it costs more than a gallon of gas, and we’ve already fought wars over oil and gas.

Because of his words of caution, I know my Grandpa would approve of the Chickasaw and TNC partnership and efforts to ensure the future of the Blue River’s water for people and nature.

I look forward to seeing you, and if I can be of any help, just let me know.

Respectfully,
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Chickasaw kids earn their
stripes at Language Fair

Chukma, Hello Everyone,

Congratulations to the Chipota Chikashanompoli Club, Children Speaking Chickasaw, who performed at the OU Language Fair in Norman, Okla.

They earned a 1st and a 2nd place in their category. My favorite was their performance of an old Elvis Presley song, “Ofi Haksibish Falaa,” better known as “You Ain’t Nothing But a Hound Dog.” Congratulations also to Dale and Katie Shackelford of Lexington, Okla., for earning a 1st place in their division.

It is so exciting to see our kids taking pride in their culture and language. Congratulations, also goes out to Faithlyn Seawright, of Ada, Okla., who



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was crowned the first princess of the All Nations of Ada Pow-Wow, which was at East Central University. Our Chickasaw Honor Guard led the Grand Entry, followed by many dignitaries and dancers. It was a great time to catch up with friends and family.

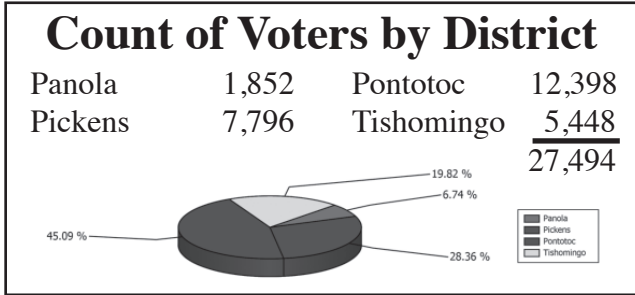
On April 17, many of our elders were recognized with an Awards Ceremony and luncheon at the Chickasaw Community Center for their volunteer service at their Senior Sites. From working taco sales to filling trays for our homebound, our seniors work very hard to earn trips and to make life better for everyone. After the luncheon, everyone was then treated to a fun time at the McSwain Theatre, as each

group performed in a talent show, which included gospel singing, dancing, and even stand-up comedy. One thing we can say for our seniors is that they live life to the fullest and have lots of fun!

Make plans now to attend the 15th Annual Chikasha Ittifama on May 18 and 19 at Kullihoma. Admission is free and overnight camp sites are available. This will be a great time of cultural demonstrations, storytelling, squirrel stick throwing, social dancing, stomp dancing, stickball games and loksi races. Demonstrations will include corn husk doll making, beadwork, moccasin making, basket weaving, traditional clothing, Chickasaw games and much more. It will begin at 5 p.m. on May 18 and will go all day Saturday, the 19. If you need more information, you can contact the Cultural Resources Department at (580) 332-8685. I hope to see everyone there.

Please let me know if I can help you in any way. Chipisala’ cho anowa, (Until I see you again)

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Northern California Chickasaws welcome legislators for visit

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. We have enjoyed a busy month and the weather cooperated for the most part. Beautiful Spring weather!

On one Saturday we visited the newest nature preserve east of Connerville on the Blue River. We dedicated the preserve with the Chickasaw name "Oka Yanahli" (Flowing Water). The river and small falls looked so good, it made me want to sit and dangle my feet in the water. Governor Anoatubby unveiled the name. The Blue River has long been a source of pride with much of our past history, baptizing, picnics, etc., being enjoyed there.

I was fortunate to attend the Children's Language

Fair at the Sam Noble Museum on the campus of the University of Oklahoma. Twenty one of our Chickasaw youth spoke our native language and presented a nativity play and won first in large group. They sang "You Ain't Nothin' but a Hound Dog" in Chickasaw for second place. Very humorous! First place went to the Cherokee Nation who presented the "Twist" from the 50s. It was a very close contest and our kids could have easily won it. Dale and Katy Shackelford, Chickasaw youth from Purcell, presented a skit in our Chickasaw language and made us very proud of them. Dale is a real actor!

Several Legislators attended some community council meetings. We really enjoyed visiting and making new friends. It is always a pleasure to speak with our citizens.

Several of us traveled to Sacramento, California, to a community council meeting on April 14. What a pleasure to meet so many wonderful Chickasaw people. We recognized many of their ancestors' names and the places their families came from in Oklahoma.

We are sad to report the passing of our last original enrollee Daisy Blackbird at the age of 109. Daisy was proud of her Chickasaw heritage, a woman of dignity, honor and wit. Some of us visited her on her last birthday and attended the services in Oklahoma City on April 18.

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

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Community Garden, Chickasaw Farms providing great services

The legislature has been visiting various facilities throughout the Chickasaw Nation to learn more about our services and thank the many employees who serve all of us within the tribe. As many people as we may know, and as many services as we may be familiar with, there's always a chance to learn something new.

We had the opportunity to visit with the staff at the Community Garden in Ada. Their purpose is to grow the many flowers, bushes and trees that are used to decorate the Chickasaw Cultural Center. As you can imagine, that is a big responsibility. They have a wonderful area to work with and are always coming up with something new to improve upon

what they do. You can tell that each one of the employees truly enjoys what they do. What a blessing.

Along the lines of landscaping, we also visited the Chickasaw Farms in Davis. This facility contains a sod farm and landscaping materials that are available to Chickasaw citizens. Did you know that every Chickasaw citizen who is a homeowner is eligible for a landscaping package? The first package is the largest, with supplemental packages available every other year. You can learn about this program by visiting Chickasaw.net and visiting the Community page under the Services headline. The Chickasaw Farms are open

Monday through Friday.

As we continue our tours of facilities across the Nation, I am continually amazed at all the services the Chickasaw Nation provides its tribal members. We are truly a blessed people.

Salvation belongs to the Lord; May Your blessing be upon Your people.

~Psalm 3:8



SHANA HAMMOND

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New adolescent treatment facility provides critical service

Chokma,
I hope all is well with you and your family.

I recently had the opportunity to meet Chickasaw playwright JudyLee Oliva at the recent Oklahoma City Community Council meeting. JudyLee spoke passionately about how she first became aware of Te Ata Fisher, researched her captivating story, and met with the renowned Chickasaw storyteller and performer. I look forward to the performance of "Te Ata." The play can be seen at the Burg Theatre at Oklahoma City University, June 14-17 and June 21-24. It will also appear in the Rasmuson Theater in the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington,

D.C. For more information call the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

In Legislative session, we passed a resolution for an adolescent supportive living treatment center in Pauls Valley. The center is a 24-bed residential treatment facility that will serve Chickasaw and other American Indian youth and their families who struggle with mental health, substance abuse, and family relational issues. The center will service youth (ages 14-20) and provide a level of care that currently does not exist in Oklahoma. I care very deeply about this subject because substance abuse has affected my extended family, as it has

many families. I am very thankful for the many individuals who worked for years to make this center a reality. I pray for wisdom and discernment for the staff and healing and peace for the future residents and their families.

I want to let you know I got my first hit using a traditional bow at a hundred yard cornstalk shoot practice session. I am hooked. I am not telling how many shots it took to get that first hit, but it was dead center. I had a great time shooting and visiting with everyone, and I will need a lot more practice before the Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) shoot if I don't want to embarrass myself. I hope to see you there, May 18 and 19 at Kullihoma.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family.

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All Chickasaws welcome at 'Open Casting Call' June 29-30 in Ada



ADA, Okla. - Lights! Camera! Action!

Mark your calendar today to attend the Chickasaw Nation Open Casting Call, set for June 29 and 30 in Ada.

Chickasaws of all ages are invited to come and share their acting, voice and modeling skills. There is no experience necessary.

The event will be at the McSwain Theatre June 29 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., and June 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hosted by the tribal Division of Communications, the event offers photo, video and voice recordings for aspiring Chickasaw actors and models.

"We are going to build a database of Chickasaws who would like to be included in movies, voiceovers, photo shoots and more," Communications administrator Robyn Elliott said.

Chickasaws are regularly needed for projects, including movies like "Pearl," television commercials, documentaries and more.

"With this database, we will have a great resource that will allow us to include many Chickasaws in a variety of venues," Ms. Elliott said.

The Open Casting Call is not a competitive tryout. It is an

opportunity for Chickasaws to be part of a large portfolio of potential actors, models and talent.

In addition to the photo, video and voice productions, attendees will have the opportunity to attend classes. Sessions will include how to market your talents; how to make an effective voiceover; basics of acting, and more.

Each registered attendee will be assigned a 10-minute time slot to complete the basic productions. It is important for applicants to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to their slots as others will be awaiting their opportunities. Applicants who miss their time slot will be placed on a waiting list.

To register for the Open Casting Call, complete the application on this page of the *Chickasaw Times* and mail it to: Mr. Jody Teeter, The Chickasaw Nation, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821. Applications must be received no later than June 15.

Applications are also available at www.chickasaw.net

All travel is strictly on your own and will not be reimbursed. All minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

CONTRIBUTED BY Tom Bolitho, editor.



A scene from the Chickasaw Nation production "The Chickasaw Removal," featuring many Chickasaw citizens.

Chickasaw Casting Call

June 29-30, 2012

The Chickasaw Nation has many avenues for Chickasaw citizens to share their acting, modeling, or voice talent. A casting call, open to citizens of all ages, will be conducted June 29 from 1-6 p.m. and June 30 from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Each participant will have 10 minutes to present his or her talent in the areas of focus listed below.

Areas of focus include:

- Voice (off camera, off stage)- examples: promotions on KCNP, narration, story telling
- Modeling - examples: calendars, progress report, brochures, etc.
- Video- examples: commercials, documentaries, movies

Individuals interested in attending the casting call should mail the completed application below to **Jody Teeter, Post Office Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821**. An application can be found online at www.chickasaw.net. The application can be completed online but must be printed, signed and mailed to the address above. All applications for minors must be signed by a parent or guardian.

No prior experience required.

Applicants will be mailed/emailed more information (including time slot) once applications are received.

The deadline for submitting applications is June 15, 2012.

The day of the casting call, applicants should arrive 15 minutes prior to their allotted time slot for registration. Applicants that miss their allotted time will be placed on a waiting list to audition after all registered time slots are completed, and as time permits. In addition, all minors must be accompanied to the casting call by a parent or guardian. Individuals who have a resume or head shots are asked to bring copies to registration. Resumes and head shots will be kept on file, and will not be returned.

No travel reimbursements will be issued.

Chickasaw Casting Call Application

June 29-30, 2012

Name: _____
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Address: _____
Street/Apt. P.O. Box City State Zip

Home Phone No.: _____ Alternate Contact No.: _____

Email Address: _____

Alternate Email Address: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____ Age: _____ School Grade: _____

Chickasaw Citizen (please include copy of Chickasaw Citizenship card/certificate):

Areas of interest: Please check all areas of interest

Voice ☐ Modeling ☐ Video ☐

Participant's Name (print) Participant's Signature Date

Parent/Guardian's Name Parent/Guardian's signature Date

Deadline to submit application is June 15, 2012. No Travel Reimbursement. All Travel is at the expense of the person auditioning.

Mail completed application to: **Jody Teeter, PO Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821**. Application can be completed and submitted online at www.chickasaw.net

NBA star, Nike N7 welcome 43 youngsters

Chickasaw kids enjoy clinic with Thunder's Kevin Durant



Thunder forward Kevin Durant with students from the Chickasaw Nation during a clinic Thursday at the Thunder Events center in Edmond. Students involved in the clinic include Josh Housley, Oklahoma City; Madison Shulanberger, Roff; Corey McGregor, Purcell; Taylor Porter, Konawa; Nayukpa Ramsey, Ada; Julie Morgan, Ada; Kai Watkins, Ada; Kobe Burgess, Ada; Dylan Rogers, Davis; Asher Hartman, Leon; Tanner W. Smith, Tishomingo; Deland Cobb, Ada; Cayman Watkins, Ada; Keely Ingle, Madill; Jordan Ryan Willis, Ada; Elijah Gibson, Byng; Tyla Carpenter, Ada; Reese Hamilton, Ada; Dawsyn Lyon, Ada; Chase Imotichey, Ada; Keagen Trett, Sulphur; Sadie Criswell, Ada; Trevor T.J. Clark Jr., Stratford; James Foreman, Ardmore; Caitlynn Sparlin, Tishomingo; Jayson Ellis, Ada; Cedar Easterling, Ada; Jason Dollar, Tishomingo; Justice Lewis, Lone Grove; Justin Rutledge, Ardmore; Pakanli Ramsey, Ada; Brenden Anoatubby, Ada; Mikayla Hook, Tishomingo; Heath Hook, Ada; Krysten Wallace, Ada; Hailey Ellis, Ada; Jarrett Ellis, Ada; Kyle McGregor, Ada; Lauren John, Ada; Shelby Smith, Tishomingo.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant put on a basketball clinic for 40 students from the Chickasaw Nation Thursday afternoon at the Thunder events center in Edmond.

"I'm happy I could be out here," Durant said. "Basketball is my favorite thing to do and being an NBA player, coming to help kids play basketball is something that is always fun."

Cedar Easterling, an eighth grade student from Ada, was asked what advice he received from Durant.

"He told us to play as hard as you can and have faith in yourself and you can do whatever you want to do," said Cedar.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said that advice would serve these young people far into the future.

"Kevin Durant is a great example of what one can achieve through hard work and perseverance," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Kevin Durant is not only an incredibly talented athlete, he is a great role model of the hard work, commitment and perseverance that leads to success in all areas of life."

Taylor Porter, a student from Konawa, said she never thought she would have this kind of opportunity.

"It was awesome to meet Kevin Durant. He was really nice," she said.

The young people at the clinic on Thursday afternoon came from communities including Ada, Ardmore, Byng, Kingston, Sulphur, Stratford, Tishomingo, Purcell, Madill, Lone Grove, Leon and Davis. Gov. Anoatubby said he was extremely happy the children were able to enjoy their afternoon learning about basketball from Durant.

"We are very pleased that Nike and the Thunder invited us to participate in this clinic," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We really appreciate Kevin Durant putting forth the extra effort to make this a special day for these Chickasaw students. It is hard to estimate how important this kind of experience is for young people."

"We are proud to be associated with the Thunder, so we say thank you to everyone that made this possible."

Nike's N7 campaign, which

has introduced a new line of Kevin Durant basketball shoes, helped put on the event that featured four different drills the children ran through during the afternoon. Durant wore the new line of shoes during the Thunder's home game at Chesapeake Energy Arena against the Los Angeles Clippers on Wednesday night.

Durant and the children were decked out in N7 gear while Durant guided them through dribbling, passing, defensive and shooting drills. After the clinic ended, Durant gave a brief talk with words of encouragement to the kids in attendance, letting them know that through hard work and the right attitude, they can go far in life. "For me it's just always (using) my footprint and showing them that these guys can be involved in anything they want to be involved in," Durant said. "Just being here with these guys, I just want to let them know that anything is possible... I'm happy I could be out here."

Durant said being so attached to Oklahoma City and

the surrounding area made him want to take the time to recognize some of the community's most valued members, and in return he saw the excitement and passion for basketball that some of the children from the Chickasaw Nation

have. Through basketball, Durant believes he has a platform to help others and make an impact in the community, and needless to say the children were touched by the attention Durant gave all afternoon.



Kevin Durant encourages several Chickasaw students during a clinic Thursday at the Thunder Events center in Edmond.

This month on CNTV

A Native American preservationist, an honorable state and tribal judge, a tribal peacemaker and historic governor were inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame this year. Learn more about the inductees on CNTV.

The Chickasaw Nation was recently honored at the state capital. Watch CNTV for highlights from this special

day in Oklahoma City.

Chickasaw elder Daisy Blackbird recently passed away at the age of 109. CNTV pays tribute to an extraordinary life in this month's special feature.

...and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

Natchez Trace Parkway art



Natchez Trace Parkway Superintendent Cam Sholly presents a framed photograph to Gov. Bill Anoatubby during Mr. Sholly's recent visit to Chickasaw Nation headquarters. The photograph shows a section of the Natchez Trace scenic trail. Representatives from the Chickasaw Nation are working with National Park Service officials on plans to share more information about the Chickasaw homeland with visitors to the area.

First in Spoken Language Performance

Young Chickasaw language students tops at Language Fair



Chickasaw Language students from Chipota Chikashshanompoli, perform "Hound Dog" in the Chickasaw language at the 10th Annual Oklahoma Native American Language Fair in Norman. These kids are sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders.



Johnathon DelFrate, a fourth grader from Homer Elementary in Ada, receiving the Grand Prize for his design for the Language Fair.

NORMAN, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation's youth language group, Chipota Chikashshanompoli, participated in the 10th Annual Oklahoma Native American Language Fair on April 3, and received numerous honors and awards.

A total of 22 students participated in the sixth through eighth grade categories of Song in Native Language and Spoken Language Performance. The group received first in the Spoken Language Performance, in which they performed a reenactment of Jesus' birth. The group won second in the Song in Native Language for their

performance of "Hound Dog" in Chickasaw.

Johnathon DelFrate, a Homer Elementary School fourth grader, won the Grand Prize for his Language Fair logo design. Johnathon's design will be featured at next year's Oklahoma Native American Language Fair, which includes the design on the t-shirts.

Because of their outstanding performances at the Language Fair, Chipota Chikashshanompoli students were invited to participate in a very special event at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

The State House of Represen-

tatives issued, and read on the House Floor, a citation honoring all students learning Native American Languages and all teachers and parents who teach Native American languages.

The Chickasaw language group was one of a select few invited to perform its lan-

guage presentations. Chipota Chikashshanompoli performed "Hound Dog," in Chickasaw on the 4th floor of the Rotunda after the citation was read, with many lawmakers in attendance.

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Rare birds at the Cultural Center



Troy, with SIA, the Comanche Nation Ethno-Ornithological Initiative, Cyril, Okla., shows an albino hawk to Chickasaw Cultural Center visitors last month during a presentation by the group. A golden eagle and a falcon were also displayed during the program.

Mike McKee

Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival June 1-3 at McSwain

ADA, Okla. - Beginning June 1 the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival will host talented musicians from across the country at the Historic McSwain Theatre to celebrate Native American composers and performers.

The Festival is June 1, 2 and 3 and will include a concert each date. Additionally, there will be master classes conducted with the performers. The festival marks an incredible opportunity to hear and learn from some of the country's finest musicians.

Friday, June 1, will include a master class with SO Percussion, followed by a concert that evening by SO Percussion.

Scheduled to lead the master class Saturday, June 2 is Gabriel Ayala. Ms. Ayala is a renowned guitarist from Phoe-

nix.

Finally, Sunday, June 3 will include a pre-concert lecture, free to the public, by award-winning Chickasaw composer Jarod Tate. This will be followed by a Voices of Change concert. The ensemble, a nearly 40-year-old contemporary music powerhouse, is based in Dallas.

The Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival will feature nightly performances as well as master class workshops for musicians during the day.

For more information on the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival, including a detailed list of performances and ticket information, visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaw Leadership volunteers 'pay it forward'

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi students build homes with Habitat



Members of the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program (Creating Chickasaw Leaders) volunteered in March with Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity, to help build this home in Oklahoma City. Front row, from left, Josh Bess, program coordinator, home owner Juan, students Shadow Marris, Devin Muncrief, Ryan Rico, Taylor Watson, Annie Wall, Siera Cox, Jessica Kretzschmar, Ashlyn Briscoe, Mikayla Lowe, Michaela Hazelett and D'Angelo Dunn. Back row, from left, Dylan Kramer, Karen Fish, sponsor, Thomas James, Tonya Bierce, sponsor, Murri England, Bethany Easley-Wade, Josh Neesmith, CAIP specialist Kevin Tiger, Habitat for Humanity representative Johnny Griffin, Jess Buss and Dylan Asbery.

Mike McKee

OKLAHOMA CITY- Members of Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Creating Chickasaw Leaders) learned the meaning of helping a neighbor and experienced the thrill of "paying it forward" during the group's March session.

The group of 18 high school students volunteered with Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity, building a three-bedroom, two-bath home in southwest Oklahoma City.

This volunteer effort marks the second consecutive year the teens have volunteered to build a home during their spring break from school.

Their tasks included installing sheet rock, nailing insulation and plenty of painting.

The students worked along-

side future homeowner Juan and members of his family.

Juan said it was his dream to be a homeowner and he had waited a long time for his dream to come true.

"People pray to have a house," volunteer Jessica Kretzschmar said. "It feels good to be the answer to someone's prayers."

Miss Kretzschmar is from Kingston, Okla.

The labor also made Miss Kretzschmar appreciate the work professional home builders do on a daily basis.

"It's hard," she said, describing the sore muscles and blis-

'People pray to have a house. It feels good to be the answer to someone's prayers.'

Jessica Kretzschmar, Kingston

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program member

ters she earned along the way.

Sierra Cox, also of Kingston, said she helped last year and was excited about volunteering this year.

"Helping people is pretty fun," she said.

Nail-by-nail lessons about teamwork and volunteerism were reinforced during the day.

During the process, the group was able to see the building site transform into an enclosed home, giving the Chickasaw students a sense of accomplishment and pride.

Ashlyn Briscoe, of Wilson, Okla., expressed her gratitude to the youth leadership program for giving her the opportunity to give back to the community.

The volunteer effort marked her first trip away from home, Miss Briscoe said, and she made new friends and learned a few things.

"The Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi program has helped me break



Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program member Annie Wall, of Vanoss, applies a coat of paint to sheetrock during the volunteer mission to build a home in partnership with Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity, in March.

out of my shell and has taught me leadership skills," she said. "I can apply what I learn here to make a difference in the world."

"This is by far the best spring break I have ever had."

Bethany Easley-Wade said helping to build a house was on her "to-do" list.

"I want to be able to pay it forward," said the Ada High School junior.

Johnny Griffin, with Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity, said without the volunteers, "We would be just another con-

tractor."

"We are thrilled to have these young people who are willing to give of their time and give back to the community."

After two days of hard work, the group was rewarded with a trip to an Oklahoma City Thunder game, where the students got to see a thrilling, double-overtime victory for the Thunder.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

About the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Creating Chickasaw Leaders) is a leadership-training program for Chickasaw students ages 14-18.

Beginning in September, the group meets one Saturday a month and covers a wide variety of topics including leadership, small business, ethics, etiquette and culture. Tours of the Oklahoma State Capitol and

visits with state officials and other trips are planned for the group.

A community service project is required of all members.

Applications are accepted year-round.

For more information about the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi program, contact Chickasaw Nation Youth Services at (580) 310-6620.

About Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity

Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, Christian housing ministry working in partnership with God and the community to build simple, decent, affordable housing, and to provide hope for responsible, hard-working, limited

income families living in sub-standard conditions. Central Oklahoma Habitat will serve more than 100 families this year by creating and preserving home ownership in central Oklahoma.



Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program member D'Angelo Dunn hammers in sheetrock at the group's volunteer home build during March.

‘Shining Stars’ lead the way

Chickasaw elders honored for volunteer work at Senior Sites



Governor Bill Anoatubby with volunteers receiving award certificates for 200-299 hours of volunteer service. Front row, from left: Barbara Hook, Lou Carlton, Betty Clark, LaJanta Nelson and Melvin Crabtree. Back row, from left; Governor Bill Anoatubby, Donnel Somers, Barbara Holt, Charley Russell, Suzanne Russell and Karen Cook, administrator.

Marcy Gray

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation elders were honored for their selflessness and volunteer efforts during the volunteer awards ceremony April 17. The awards ceremony took place at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada. Seniors from Chickasaw Nation

senior centers in Achille, Ada, Ardmore, Connerville, Duncan, Kullihoma, Madill, Oklahoma City, Panola, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo who volunteered in the past year were acknowledged for their dedication.

Award certificates were given for six categories of volunteer service: 0-24 hours; 25-99 hours; 100-199 hours; 200-299 hours; 300-399 hours; and 500+ hours.

“Shining Stars of Volunteerism” were also recognized at the ceremony. One volunteer from each senior center was nominated to receive the valued award.

Those receiving Shining Star awards included Suzanne Russell, Ada; Retha Nichols, Ardmore; Jimmy Reed, Connerville; Mike Lawrence, Duncan; Dean Starns, Kullihoma; William Albin, Madill; Mary Ann Lee, Oklahoma City; Carol Dodson, Panola; Dan Elkins, Sulphur and Cecil Underwood,

Tishomingo. Immediately following the awards ceremony, the Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging hosted an elders’ talent show at the McSwain Theatre. Those in attendance were able to witness the chicken dance, gospel singing, a rendition of Neil Sedaka’s “Calendar Girls” and a reenactment of Sonny and Cher, among other performances.

The Chickasaw Nation strives to provide the best service and care for its elders through various programs and services specifically designed for their use. For more information, please contact the division on aging at (580) 795-9790 or aging@chickasaw.net.

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Tribal operations maintaining record revenue, net levels

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and the tribe’s BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor’s and Lt. Governor’s offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe’s division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens

sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending March 31, 2012

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$12.4 million for the month and \$80.0 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$6.8 million for the month and \$51.7 year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through March totaled \$552.6 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$155.1 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$79.1 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At March 31, 2012, the tribal government funds had \$169.0 million in cash and investments. Of this amount,

\$19.6 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$197.4 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and busi-

ness operations.

As of March 31, 2012, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$1.382 billion compared to \$1.332 billion at January 31, 2012 or an increase of \$50 million.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2012

Revenues
Transfers from businesses to tribal government
Total funds available
Expenditures
General government
Legislature
Judiciary
Education
Heritage Preservation
Health
Youth and Family Services
Nutrition Programs
Regulatory
Assistance Programs
Gaming expense
Other businesses' expense
Total expenditures
Increase in net assets
Beginning net assets
Ending net assets

Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
4,033,067	552,601,933	556,635,001
75,978,575	(75,978,575)	-
80,011,642	476,623,359	556,635,001
5,821,888		5,821,888
1,190,343		1,190,343
466,495		466,495
10,562,576		10,562,576
6,733,394		6,733,394
11,002,449		11,002,449
4,618,841		4,618,841
2,682,668		2,682,668
3,989,503		3,989,503
4,673,045		4,673,044
	292,418,147	292,418,147
	105,061,701	105,061,701
51,741,200	397,479,848	449,221,048
28,270,442	79,143,510	107,413,953
595,059,532	680,428,193	1,275,487,725
623,329,974	759,571,703	1,382,901,677

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets March 31, 2012

Cash and Investments
Receivables
Inventory
Prepaid expenses
Other Assets
Fixed assets
Less payables
Net Assets

Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
169,043,203	197,463,630	366,506,833
36,649,992	68,560,041	105,210,033
189,734	6,646,511	6,836,245
	17,426,050	17,426,050
	2,481,428	2,481,428
418,253,960	623,826,368	1,042,080,328
(806,915)	(156,832,324)	(157,639,239)
623,329,974	759,571,703	1,382,901,677

BIRTHS



Wyatt Westlee Polson

Wyatt Westlee Polson was born January 12, 2012 at 12:21 a.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. He weighed 8 lbs., 11 oz., and measured 21 inches at birth.

He is the son of Joshua and Taylor Polson.

He is the grandson of Dan and Joyce West and Robert and Tennie Polson. He is the great-grandson of Ed and Barbara West and Virgie and the late Royce Garrett.



Logan James

Logan James selected finalist in Texas event

Eleven-year-old Logan Re-nae James has recently been selected a state finalist in the National American Miss Texas pageant. The pageant will be June 16-17 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Houston.

Logan is involved in student council, peer tutoring and "A" honor roll at Cypress Grove (TX) Intermediate School. She also enjoys art, English horseback riding, theatre arts, hunting, fishing and volunteering at the Brazos County Animal Shelter.

Logan is the daughter of Chad and Anita James.



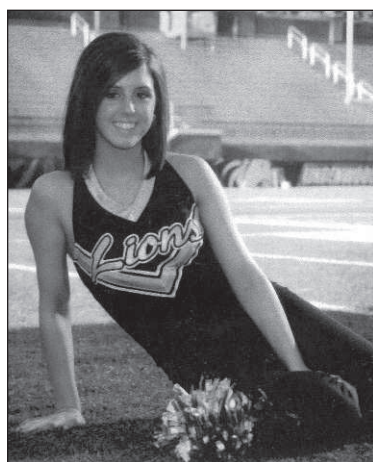
Jasmine Rocha

Jasmine Rocha named All-American Scholar

A Chickasaw middle school student has recently been named an All-American Scholar.

Jasmine Rocha, a seventh-grader at Sulphur (OK) Middle School, was nominated for the honor by the U.S. Achievement Academy. A student must maintain a minimum 3.3 grade point average to qualify.

Jasmine is the daughter of Jose and Amy Rocha, of Sulphur. Her grandparents are Kenny and Bobbie Atteberry, of Sulphur.



Chelsea Burris

Chelsea Burris elected Tau Beta Sigma leader

Chickasaw student and Eufaula (OK) High School graduate Chelsea Burris was recently elected president of the Psi chapter of Tau Beta Sigma sorority at the University of Arkansas for 2012-13.

Tau Beta Sigma is a co-educational national honorary band sorority dedicated to serving college and band programs. The sorority numbers 3,500 active members in 145 active chapters, and over 40,000 alumni.

Miss Burris is a junior with a double major in international relations and German.

She is the daughter of Randy and Robyn Burris, of Eufaula and the granddaughter of Claud and Naomi Burris, of Wilson, Okla., and Bob and Twyla King of Eufaula.



Tiffany Woolf

Tiffany Woolf inducted into honor society

LUBBOCK, Texas – A Chickasaw student has recently been received into a human sciences honor society.

Tiffany Woolf, a sophomore at Texas Tech University, was initiated into the Phi Upsilon Omicron Human Services Honor Society on March 25. Miss Woolf is majoring in early childhood education.

Students must be in the top 35% of their undergraduate classes within the College of Human Sciences to be eligible for the society.

Phi Upsilon Omicron is an honor society and service organization for outstanding scholars and leaders. The society represents all 14 majors within the College of Human Sciences.

Exchange of ideas and professional goals are important elements of the society.

Miss Woolf has a 3.7 grade point average. She is active in the Alpha Lambda Delta Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies at Texas Tech. She also works a part-time job.

She is the daughter of Ricky and Karen Woolf, of Anahuac, Texas.

Her grandparents are Elaine Zipperle, of Harrold, Texas, and the late William Zipperle, and Gene and Joyce Woolf, of Vernon, Texas.

NEWS FROM LITTLE MISS CHICKASAW

Ke-Ke Factor
Little Miss Chickasaw

Chukma from Ke-Ke Factor, 2011-2012 Little Miss Chickasaw! I am nine years old and my parents are Gwen Burris and Stan Factor.

I am enjoying my reign and

am learning more about our tribe through language and culture classes. It's been great helping at our Elders' dinners, performing the Lords' Prayer at different events, and hanging out with our older Princesses, Raechell and Nacobi. They are now my sisters!

Riding in a carriage during the Festival parade and assisting the Governor at State of Nation was so neat. The Children's Christmas parties have been my favorite so far. I was in my first grand entry at the All Nations Pow-Wow and am excited to soon be traveling to the Gathering of Nations in Washington D.C.

I am happy to be your Princess and hope I will get the chance to meet all of you at upcoming events. Yakoke!

Ke-Ke Factor
Little Miss Chickasaw

Emily Biscan on 'Lion Line' cheer, dance squad

Chickasaw student Emily Jane Biscan, a sophomore at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo., is a member of the Lion Line Dance Team.

In January the team traveled to Orlando, Fla. to participate in the National Cheer and Dance Team competition where

the team won first place in the nation in the Hip Hop open division.

Miss Biscan qualified for the Lionette team as a freshman and advanced to the Lion line this year for the team. The team performs at home football and basketball games, regional competitions and fund raising events.

Miss Biscan is also a member of the National Honor Society, participates in the work and learn program and works part time at a sporting goods store during holidays and summers.

She expresses her thanks to the Chickasaw Nation for all they have done to support her in her hard work.

She is the daughter of David and Gretchen Biscan, of St. Louis.



Ciera Cox

Ciera Cox to Washington following essay finish

A Chickasaw high school junior recently scored well in an essay contest and has been awarded a trip to Washington, D.C. to study government and leadership.

Ciera Cox, who attends Kingston (OK) High School took second place in the Red River Valley Rural Electric Association's Annual Youth Tour. Over 200 essays were entered in the contest.

The Red River Valley REA, headquartered in Marietta, Okla., sponsors the annual contest for high school juniors in the company's five-county service area. This year's theme was "REA - Going Beyond the Wires."

In addition to the written essay, finalists were required to give an oral presentation.

Ciera attended the REA Youth Tour Banquet at WinStar Casino Golf Course Clubhouse. Joining her were her parents, Johnny and Karyn Cox; grandmother Virginia Nee Smith, all of Fobb, Okla.; Kingston High School principal Sandee Westmoreland; and junior class sponsor Kelly Shipley.

Ciera and first-place winner Davonte Finch will fly to Washington and represent their REA service area. They will also tour the U.S. Capitol, boat on the Potomac River and enjoy a lunch with Oklahoma's Congressional delegation.

Ciera is also a member of the tribe's Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Creating Chickasaw Leaders) program.



Piper Norvell

Piper Norvell named to law school Dean's List

NORMAN, Okla. - A Chickasaw law student has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll.

Piper Christine Norvell was named to the University of Oklahoma College of Law Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester. This was Miss Norvell's first semester attending the school.

Students must maintain a minimum "B" grade point average to be named to the honor roll and must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Miss Norvell is a graduate of Frederick (OK) High School.

She is the daughter of Marc and Dana Norvell, of Freder-

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

ick. Her grandparents are Kyle and Jeanette Haley and the late Glynn and Elizabeth Norvell.

Annual Chickasaw West Gathering set for June 2 at Santee Lakes

SANTEE LAKES, Calif. - The annual Chickasaw West Gathering in Santee Lakes is set for Saturday, June 2.

The gathering regularly attracts Chickasaws from Southern California and the San Diego area. Several Chickasaw legislators attend the event.

The event will run from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be served at noon and picnic areas are available. Organizers request that attendees bring a dish to share.

Entrance fee into the Santee Lakes area is \$5 per vehicle, and parking is located next to the picnic area. Lawn chairs are recommended and there are some covered areas in case of heat or rain. Fishing, paddle boating and canoe rentals are available.

For directions and more information, please call Sharon Tandy at (818) 985-8392 or Santee Lakes at (619) 596-3141.

USNA Chickasaw cousins



Chickasaw cousins, Jacob Williamson and John Michael Williamson are students at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Jacob will graduate from the Academy May 29, 2012 and John Michael will graduate May 2013. Jacob is the son of the late Lt. Jay Williamson and Sarita and Todd Smith. John Michael is the son of Lt. Col. John Williamson and Courtney and Bryan Collins. They are the grandsons of Art and Janis Williamson, of Oklahoma City.

Visiting with Rep. Billy



Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Billy, right, visits with Robin Dameron, Chickasaw Nation (Tishomingo) Physical Therapy, center, and tribal School to Work student Macy Hilburn at Physical Therapy Day at the Oklahoma Capitol, March 6. Physical Therapy Day is designed to create awareness for healthcare bills that impact the Physical Therapy profession.

New Tish Indian Taco signs



Tishomingo Chickasaw Nation senior citizens recently purchased signs for the Indian Taco Sales through fund raisers. From left, Caroline Holt, Mary Lou Nichols, Sadie Hearell, Sharon Wilson, Mae Hamilton, Leona Wilson, Ruth Shelley, Lonnie Shelley, Cecil Underwood and Ann Fink.



Esther Shaw, P.E.

Chickasaw engineer named OKC project manager for Lee

OKLAHOMA CITY – A Chickasaw citizen has recently been named project manager for a Southwest U.S. engineering firm.

Esther Shaw, P.E., is project manager for the Oklahoma City office of Lee Engineering, a firm specializing in traffic, transportation planning, transit services and transportation systems.

Ms. Shaw is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Oklahoma Traffic Engineering Association, and the Society of American Military Engineers.

She is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma where she received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

Prior to joining Lee, Ms. Shaw was a senior project engineer and primary municipal division project manager for Cobb Engineering Co. She has served as project manager for several Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Oklahoma City roadway, water, sewer and traffic projects.

Ms. Shaw is the daughter of Rita Shaw, of Oklahoma City, and the late Ronald Shaw.

Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate mentors middle school students

DICKSON, Okla. – Middle school students in this Chickasaw Nation community will soon lead the world premiere performance of a new work by Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate.

The well-known Mr. Tate has written "Taloowa' Chipota" especially for the Dickson Middle School choir, and the performance is set for May 15 at 7 p.m. in the Dickson Auditorium.

The collaboration between Mr. Tate and the Dickson students is part of an American Composers Forum program, ChoralQuest. The program produces a series of new music for middle school choirs and is designed to place world-class choral composers in the middle school classroom. There is no cost to the schools.

Mr. Tate began his residency at Dickson Middle School in the fall. The experience, he said, was great for everyone.

"In composing the work for the youth, I was able to introduce a Chickasaw experience to a diverse group of students," Mr. Tate said. "Rehearsals with the kids have been a wonderful experience and they have embraced the technical challenges of the work with great enthusiasm and success."

Dickson Middle School choir teacher Lisa Riggle worked with Mr. Tate to engage her students in the composition process. The students had the unique opportunity to get to know the composer, and to learn about composing music.

Mr. Tate is well-known for his development of Indian classical composition. His works have been featured in many venues, and several of his compositions have recently been recorded by the San Francisco

Symphony.

The ChoralQuest series is designed to breathe new life into the available repertoire for middle school choral students. The series also introduces students to composition.

Relay for Life Poker Run May 19 in Ada

ADA, Okla. – Motorcycle enthusiasts who would like to help with this year's American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Ada can enjoy a poker run on May 19.

The Environmental Sciences and Behavioral Health Departments of Ada's Valley View Regional Hospital are sponsoring the poker run, "Ride For The Cause!"

Participants will meet at 9 a.m. behind Valley View in the employees' parking lot. First bike out will be at 9:30 a.m., and last bike in will be 1:30 p.m.

Registration is \$20 per bike, and each bike receives one hand and one ticket for door prize drawings. Passengers are \$5 extra and also receive one hand and a ticket.

Extra hands will be \$5 each. There will be lots of door prizes, refreshments and entertainment. First prize for the best hand is \$200, and the worst hand will receive \$100.

All proceeds go to the Relay For Life cancer research. Help us find a cure!

Pacific Northwest Community Council

At February's meeting, Regina Berna, Director of Museums and Historical Sites, gave a presentation on the new Cultural Center and shared how to preserve family memorabilia such as photos, quilts and blankets. Local citizen Bill White led a discussion on future interests the council wishes to explore

such as learning tribal crafts, history and language.

Our next potluck quarterly meeting is May 5 at 1 p.m. at the Marshall Center in Vancouver, Wash. Joining us from Oklahoma will be guest speaker Wayne Walker from the History & Culture Department. He will share about traditional Chickasaw dances.

Also on the calendar is our annual barbeque picnic set for July 28 at Clackamette Park in Oregon City, Ore., starting at 11 a.m. As well as our fall gathering set for November 17.

We hope to see you May 5, when you can also purchase raffle tickets for an opportunity to win a wonderful 'Pendleton Blanket' (drawing held at summer picnic). For more council information, visit our website: <http://www.pnccc.us> or contact Kim Factor/ Rena Smith.

Chickasaw Community Council of Northern California

Saturday April 14, the arms of the Chickasaw tribe embraced the small Northern California Council of local Chickasaw citizens.

This was a personal touch,

because we as a group had only touched that spirit at larger National functions, and individually, this time the spirit and leadership came to us and we were blessed with the sister and brotherhood of the Chickasaw tribe.

Phil and I want to thank all who attended and participated in the exchange of knowledge and good will.



Chickasaw Legislature Chairman David Woerz shares information with Chickasaw citizens at the Northern California Chickasaw Community Council.

Turner Lady Falcons in first-ever state tourney



Turner (OK) Lady Falcons recently made school history by being the first girls team to compete at the state tournament. Chickasaw citizen Taylor Foster, front row second from left, is the daughter of Kent and Melissa Foster. Back row from left, Shane Hill coach, Steve Short athletic director and Kayla Hurst manager. Middle row from left, Andi McGill, Conner Harmon, Hannah Stevens, Cheyenne Keith, Nellie Drennan. Bottom row from left, Christine Robertson, Taylor Foster, Perri McGill, Kylee O'Dell, Shelby O'Dell.

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Descendents of Edmund, Harriet, Robert, Jody, Florene, CD, Olen, Ola Mae or Irene Porter are invited to attend a Porter Family reunion scheduled for June 8 - 11 at the WinStar World Casino Hotel located at Thackerville, Okla.

All friends of the Porter Family are welcome to attend.

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CFO to become Chief Business Officer

Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce announces reorganization



Pat Neeley

ADA, Okla. - Gov. Bill Anoatubby has announced the appointments of Pat Neeley and Dakota Cole to new positions at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce.

Currently the Commerce Division's Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Neeley will assume responsibilities as Chief Business Officer.

"Pat's industry knowledge and proven success in managing the finances of our businesses, combined with his commitment and involvement in our Revenue Enhancement Team efforts, made him the

ideal and obvious choice to take on this important role in the Commerce Division," Gov. Anoatubby said.

Mr. Neeley's new role, Gov. Bill Anoatubby said, is important to the Division's continued success.

"Pat is a seasoned finance and business executive and already a valued member of our Chief Officer team," said Division of Commerce Chief Executive Officer Bill Lance. "He brings extensive experience in business development, strategic planning and launching and managing high-impact revenue and cost-efficient initiatives for our businesses. His solid leadership will ensure a smooth transition and keep us right on track in terms of future growth."

In his expanded role, Mr. Neeley will have managerial responsibilities for the following departments:

eMarketing; Environmental,

Health and Safety; Risk Management; Bedre Manufacturing; Project Management; Property Management; Small Business Development Center; Loss Prevention; and Tourism.

Mr. Neeley will retain responsibilities for financial oversight of the Division of Commerce.

Effective June 4, Dakota Cole will join the Division of Commerce as the new Chief Accounting Officer. Mr. Cole's focus will be continuing to improve revenues and supporting the Nation's dynamic growth initiatives to further diversify its business portfolio.

Mr. Cole, a Chickasaw citizen, lives in Connerville, Okla. He graduated from Tishomingo High School in 2004. He attended Murray State College for two years and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from East Central University in 2008. In 2010, he received his master's degree in accounting from ECU. He became a Certified Public Accountant in 2011.

In March 2010, Mr. Cole was

hired as a Management Accountant in the Finance Department of the Division of Commerce. In 2011 he was

Additional Division of Commerce changes

Other Division of Commerce organizational changes include the promotion of Jennifer Kaneshiro to Chief Human Resources Officer.

Ms. Kaneshiro, who has been with the Division of Commerce for six years, recently took on the supervision of two new areas due to the reorganization of the training department. Her role will expand again as she takes on additional em-

ployee communications initiatives and human relations-related duties.

"Our businesses play a vital role in the continued growth and success of the Chickasaw Nation," Gov. Anoatubby said. "I am confident these leadership changes will further the progress we have made in executing our strategy, and position us for even greater success."

USDA Natural Resources Conservation

Services Poster Contest open to tribal citizens

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Services is sponsoring the 2012 Native American Heritage poster contest.

This year's theme is "Tell me and I'll forget. Show me and I may not remember. Involve me and I'll understand." The artwork title will be "Conservation: Our Past, Present and Futures."

All tribal citizens within the south-central region - Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas - are eligible to enter. There is no age limit.

Each participant may submit one original artwork, size 18"x24," acrylic or oil on canvas, ready for reproduction. A story describing the artwork must accompany the poster. The artwork selected by NRCS will be purchased from the winning artist for \$2,000.

Notification to enter the contest must be received by May 25, and artwork must be submitted by June 1. For more information, contact Dr. Carol Crouch at (405) 527-3241 or Carol.Croch@ok.usda.gov.

Masheli's serenade



Masheli Billy playing his flute for the Representatives during the introduction of the pages.

Chickasaw student Masheli Billy, a junior at Purcell (OK) High School, served as a page in the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

He spent the week with 20 other Oklahoma students attending the legislative session, running errands and assisting in the office of Rep. Lisa J. Billy. He was elected "Lt. Governor" for the mock legislative session conducted for each class of House Pages. He was also chosen by his peers to be "Page

of the Week." Rep. Don Armes requested Masheli perform his flute for the Representatives during the introduction of the pages in the House Chamber.

Masheli is the son of Phillip and Lisa Johnson-Billy, and the grandson of Frank and Vicki Johnson and Ed and the late Cynthia Billy.

He is a Chickasaw citizen and serves on the leadership team for the CAIP Chickasaw Youth Leadership Program.

Chickasaw artist Mary Ruth Barnes named Arbuckles 'Artist of the Month'

SULPHUR, Okla. - Artist of the Arbuckles Association and Gallery will feature Chickasaw artist Mary Ruth Barnes as "Artist of the Month" for May. The gallery will be open for viewing of her watercolor and oil paintings, as well as her award winning photography from 1- 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday from May 1 to June 1.

Signed and numbered prints will also be available, including her award winning watercolor, "Flight of Hope-Fighting Leukemia" chosen for the American Cancer Society Calendar Journal and for the Leukemia Care-Giver Brochure cover.

Mary Ruth Barnes is the Director of Planned Giving for the state of Oklahoma and southwest Missouri for the American Cancer Society. She was the Na-

tionwide High Achiever for the Planned Giving Business Unit of American Cancer in 2011 bringing in over \$2.4 million for cancer research. She has taught at both the high school and college level for more than 15 years. She taught English, Computer Technology, Web Design and Photography. When she taught at the university level, her yearbook won a National Scholastic Press Award and Columbia Press Award.

Mrs. Barnes worked for a publishing company for 13 years and was editor of *Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Magazine* in Denver, Colorado. She is a published writer and photographer. She is also a certified teacher in Adobe Photoshop and Creative Suites. Mrs. Barnes graduated with a bachelor's degree in English from North Carolina State University with high honors and a master's degree in Education from Montana State University.

Mrs. Barnes is working on a children's book about her Chickasaw heritage and cares for her elder Chickasaw mother. She was selected one of the artists for the 2012 Chickasaw Dynamic Women Forum with three of her pieces on display at the Chickasaw Arts and Humanities Gallery in Ada, Okla., for the month of May, as well.

In 2010 she won second place in the Cotton County Art Festival and third place at the Chickasaw SEASAM art show. Two of her paintings are on display at the new Chickasaw Medical Center.

Mrs. Barnes is also an avid equestrian and photographer. Mrs. Barnes and her husband live on a horse ranch just south of Ada where many visitors come for lessons on natural horsemanship.

For more information call Royce Gideon at (580) 993-0347.



Mary Ruth Barnes

Landscaping products distribution, seminar set for May 29, June 25 and July 23

Landscaping products will be distributed by the tribe to Chickasaw homeowners throughout the summer.

The seminars are set for Tuesday, May 29; Monday, June 25; and Monday, July 23. Each seminar will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Okla.

Chickasaw homeowners, and Chickasaws who are in the process of purchasing homes, are eligible to receive trees, shrubs and sod.

Attending the seminar is a requirement to participate in the landscaping products distribution program. Topics covered include types of plant species, and care and maintenance for a variety of vegetation.

Each participant must provide a copy of Chickasaw citizenship card, utility bill and proof of homeownership (warranty deed, insurance binder or letter from the lender.)

For more information, call (580) 559-0888.

Diabetes Camp June 18 - 22 in Davis

DAVIS, Okla. - Deadline to register for the annual Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Camp is Friday, May 11.

The camp educates diabetics on preventive measures to help control blood sugar. Proper nutrition and exercise are emphasized.

The camp will be hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center June 18-22 at The Inn at Treasure Valley in Davis.

The free camp welcomes any Chickasaw Nation Division of

Health patient. Each participant is allowed to bring a guest or family member to the camp. All campers and guests must be over 12 years of age and have a medical consent form signed by their health care provider.

Throughout the week, campers will participate in various activities. Nutrition education, exercise, foot care, dental care, heart health, psychosocial aspects of diabetes, smoking cessation and eye care will be

discussed. Blood sugars will be checked at regular intervals each day.

For more information or to register, contact Shon McCage at (800) 851-9136, (580) 421-4532 or shondra.mccage@chickasaw.net.



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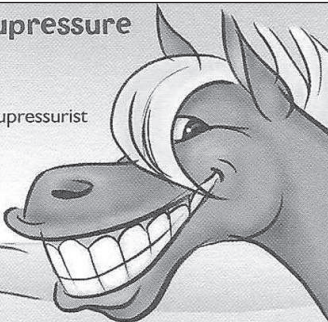
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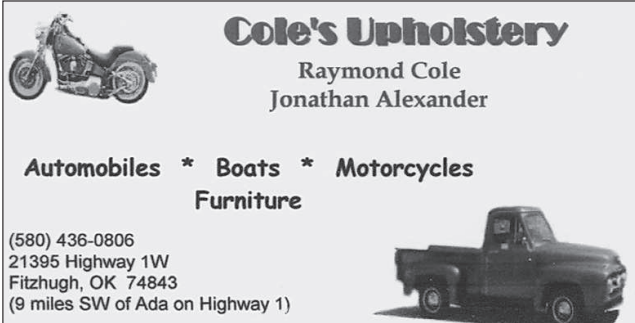
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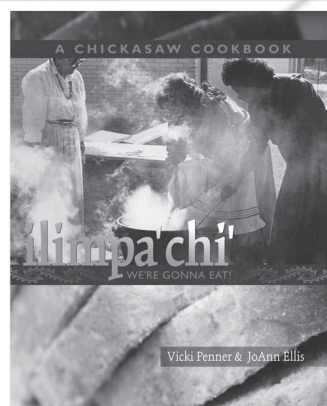
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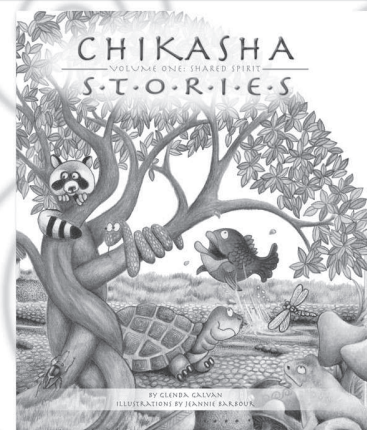
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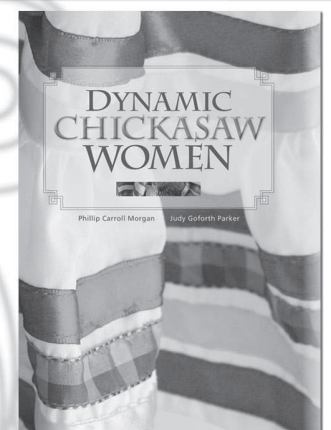
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June 8:
Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.

June 11:
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(1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.

June 11:
Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times" (by 4 p.m.)
Press release for candidates (news/media)

July 3:
Ballots mailed to voters who reside out of the contiguous 48 states

July 10:
Voter registration closes.

July 11:
After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated labels, printouts, & CD's.

July 17:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

July 26:
Last day to appoint a watcher.

July 31:
2012 Primary Election
(last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.

July 31:
Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.

Aug 3:
Recount period ends.

October 1:
Oath of Office Ceremony (11 a.m.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION 2012 RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE (IF NEEDED)

August 6:
Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's (after 12 p.m.)

August 14: Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

August 23: Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.

August 28: 2012 Run-Off Election
(last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
Voter registration re-opens

August 31: Recount period ends.

October 1: Oath of Office ceremony (11 a.m.)

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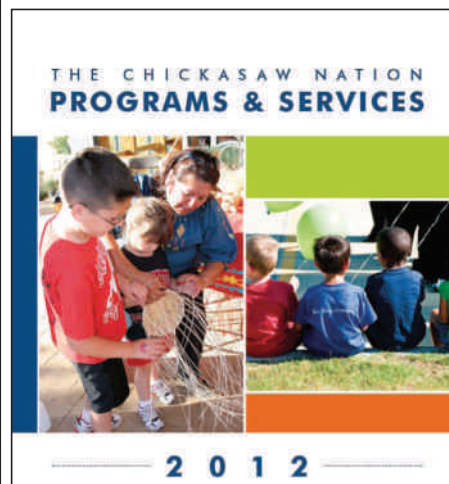


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Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Chickasaw Press Workshop and much more planned

Summer celebrations at Chickasaw Cultural Center

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Chickasaw Cultural Center has several fun-filled, family-oriented and informational activities scheduled this summer. From a Mother's Day Celebration to a Children's Festival, the Cultural Center offers something for everyone.

Bring Mom to the Cultural Center **May 12-13** to celebrate Mother's Day. All mothers will receive free admission to Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center and free cookies and tea in the Aaimpa' Café.

A Mother's Day card workshop, for children through age 12, will be conducted and a special stomp dance to honor mothers will be demonstrated both days.

Armed Forces Day will be observed **Saturday, May 19**.

Active military and veterans will receive free admission into

the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center and a 10 percent discount in the Aaimpa' Café. A stomp dance to honor military personnel will be presented at 11 a.m.

A Memorial Day Celebration is set for **Saturday, May 26**. The day will feature live painting by Chickasaw artists, a stickball demonstration and social game, a stomp dance, storytelling and a "then and now" pottery exhibit.

Other events planned for the summer include:

Friday, June 1
Educators' Day

Seminar: 2012-2013 Cultural Center Educational Opportunities

Guided tours of the Cultural Center campus

Discussion panel of future educational programming

Stomp dance

Saturday, June 2

Chickasaw Press Workshop
Readings from Chickasaw Press authors

Chickasaw Press book signing

Seminars

Stomp dance

Saturday, June 9

Genealogy Fair

Photo display

Family tree display

Scrapbooking workshop

Stomp dance

Saturday/Sunday, June 16-17

Father's Day Celebration

Fathers receive free admission into the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center

Fathers receive free cookies and soda in the Aaimpa' Café

Father and child archery contest in the Traditional Village (Saturday)

Father's Day card workshop (children 12 and under)

Stomp dance to honor fathers

Saturday, June 2

Chickasaw Language presentation

Stomp dance

Saturday, June 30

Stomp Dance presentation

Saturday, July 7

Children's Festival

Chickasaw Language Club performance

Chickasaw Language booth

Stomp dance

Nani' (fish) catch

Storytelling

Horticulture booth

Mini family tree

Paper sack turbans

Bean bag loksí' (turtle) toss

Saturday, July 14

Genealogy workshop: Protecting your Documents

Then and Now: Gorgets

Saturday, July 21

Scrapbooking workshop: Displaying Family Photos

Meet a Chickasaw artist

Saturday, July 28

Storytelling presentation

Stomp dance

Saturday, August 4

Book signing by a Chickasaw Press author

Saturday, August 11

Genealogy workshop: Digitizing your Family History

Stickball presentation

Saturday, August 18

Regalia Celebration

History of Chickasaw regalia

Regalia fashion show

Seminars

Saturday, September 1

Labor Day Celebration

Stomp dance

Storytelling

Cultural class

Then and Now: Rattles

Native film movie marathon

Everyone is encouraged to visit this world-class facility that has something for everyone.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Road in Sulphur, Okla. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Cultural Center at (580) 622-7103 or visit www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

Tribe joins in to provide nutritious summer meals to area children

The Chickasaw Nation has partnered with several public school districts to offer an innovative summer foods program that will provide nutritious foods to children during the summer months.

The Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer for Children program will provide low-income families with school-age children easy access to healthy foods during the summer.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said this program filled a vital need for hundreds of children.

"Proper nutrition is essential for the mental and physical development of our children in the summer months just as it is during the school year," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We are pleased to work with our local schools to offer an innovative new way for children to get the healthy food they need all year."

The program is a joint effort between Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services and 41 Oklahoma public school districts in Coal, Carter, Garvin, Marshall, McClain, Murray, Johnston and Pontotoc counties.

Participating families will receive a card, similar to a debit card, they can use in stores to

buy healthy food.

The food benefit will be valued at \$60 per child per month during the summer.

"It's a prescription for healthy food," said Debbie Zachary, tribal Nutrition Services Summer EBT for Children program manager.

Approximately 3,300 families will be chosen through a lottery-a random selection process which provides an equal chance for every family to receive Summer EBT for Children benefits.

This is the first time the Chickasaw Nation has received this U.S. Department of Agriculture-funded grant. The grant is part of an effort to increase access to nutritious meals and snacks during school gap periods. Improving child nutrition is a focal point of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act recently passed by Congress and signed by President Obama on December 13, 2010.

For more information about Summer EBT for Children program, contact Debbie Zachary at (580) 235-6076 or debbie.zachary@chickasaw.net.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

'Organic Initiative' open to Oklahoma producers

A new "Organic Initiative" is now available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has nearly \$50 million in financial and technical assistance available. The funds and assistance are available to certified

organic producers, and growers who would like to transition to organic production.

"There is increasing interest on the part of consumers to purchase organically grown foods," NRCS state conservationist Ronald L. Hilliard said.

Applications must be delivered to an NRCS office by June 1. You can find the nearest NRCS office by going to <http://go.usa.gov/Uo8>

For more information on the Organic Initiative, go to <http://gp/usa.gov/Uo9>

HUD officials visit Chickasaw projects



Representatives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently visited the Chickasaw Nation. The HUD officials toured several projects recently completed with funding assistance from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act program. Projects included Chickasaw Nation intern housing in Ada, and low income housing in Wayne, Okla. From left are administrators Wayne Sims and Randy Akers; grants evaluation director Jennifer Bullough; Governor Bill Anoatubby; loan guarantee director Tom Wright; field operations director Ted Key; administrator Bill Zachares; senior advisor Deana O'Hare; administrators Carolyn O'Neil, Ken Bowring and Kevin Fitzgibbons; Deputy Assistant Secretary Rodger Boyd; and Michael Andrews, headquarters operations.

U.S. Forest Service honors tribe for best practices, preservation efforts



Governor Bill Anoatubby receives the national Award for Partners in Tribal Relations from representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Forest Division at last month's To Bridge a Gap conference, in Durant, Okla.

Marcy Gray

The Chickasaw Nation was recently honored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture - U.S. Forest Service for its efforts to strengthen partnerships with other tribes and federal agencies.

The "Partners in Tribal Relations" national award was presented April 4 at the To Bridge a Gap Conference, hosted by the Choctaw Nation, Durant, Okla.

The honor was also presented to the Caddo Nation, Choctaw Nation, Absentee-Shawnee

Tribe, and Muscogee Creek Nation, for their combined support of the To Bridge a Gap Conference throughout the past decade.

"Through the years, the To Bridge a Gap conference has grown to give us the opportunity to share our best practices, cultural traditions and preservation efforts" said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "We understand the importance of cooperation between tribal nations and federal and state agencies to effectively manage our shared

resources and maintain our heritage. We are honored to receive this award and be a part of this learning experience."

Founded in 2001, the To Bridge a Gap conference is designed to strengthen government-to-government relationships between the United States Department of Agriculture-Forest Service and federally recognized tribal governments.

A joint partnership between the National Forest Service and federally recognized tribal governments, the conference was founded on the mission to protect and manage important cultural and natural resources.

"To Bridge A Gap conference was initially conceived and promoted by a number of Oklahoma tribal nations, and indeed, the conference name is of Tribal origin. Thus, we want to fully recognize the contributions of our partnering Tribal Nations and their elected leaders, said Liz Agpaoa, Regional Forester, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service, Southern Region.

"The ongoing TBAG partnership has gone far beyond an original intent of "bridging the gap" between local tribes and local Forest Service units, and is now poised to embrace a national perspective," she added.

Each year, federal, state and tribal officials come together at the To Bridge a Gap conference to learn, share and discuss tribal relations, preservation issues, managing archaeological, natural or cultural resources, use of forest products, restoration of ecosystems, fire management, sacred sites, and many more.

The Chickasaw Nation hosted the 2011 conference at River-Wind Casino.

Originally set for the Arkansas and Oklahoma area, the annual conference now welcomes participants from all over the nation.

Tribes in Oklahoma, California, South Dakota, Arizona, Idaho, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico and Texas, as well as representatives from several National Forests in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Louisiana, Texas, Missouri, North Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida have attended past conferences.

In addition, many federal, state, and local agencies as well as academic institutions and private firms participate in the conference, including the U.S. Department of Interior, Department of Defense, Federal Communications Commission, Smithsonian Institution-

Museum of Natural History, Oklahoma Archeological Survey, Oklahoma Historical Preservation Office, universities in Arkansas, Oklahoma, North Carolina and South Florida.

The conference is a forum for the tribes to meet directly with policy planners and project managers as well as collect the latest information about land and resource management practices.

Information gathered during the conferences have enabled the tribes to better understand the preservation process and develop historic preservation offices, an integral step in identifying and protecting places important to the tribal values.

Dialogues in the previous conferences have also resulted in the granting of special use permits for collection of forest resources for ceremonial purposes by the tribes.

The successful TBAG model has also been adopted by many agencies, including the Office of Tribal Relations of the United States Department of Agriculture - Forest Service to exchange information on current and new legislations that requires government-to-government consultation at the national level.

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Tribal Farmers Market Nutrition Program provides fresh fruit, vegetables



Chickasaw seniors shop at the Ada Farmer's Market last summer. The 2012 program, which provides checks to eligible participants for the purchase of Oklahoma-grown fresh fruits and vegetables from approved farmer's markets began May 1.

Marcy Gray

The Chickasaw Nation Farmer's Market Nutrition Program kicked off the 2012 season on May 1.

The tribal program provides checks to eligible participants for the purchase of Oklahoma-grown fresh fruits and veg-

etables from authorized farmer's markets and farm stands throughout the Chickasaw Nation and surrounding areas. Additional benefits include nutrition education and food demonstrations.

All Chickasaw Nation Wom-

en, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutritional Program (WIC) participants are eligible and will receive checks in local WIC offices during regularly scheduled pick up appointments.

Seniors are also eligible for participation if they:

- Meet income requirements
- Receive services from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health
- Are Native American 55 years of age or older and a CDIB card holder

- Are Non-Native American 60 years of age or older living in a Native American household

- Are Disabled persons under 60 years of age living in housing for elderly with congregate nutrition services

- Are fully disabled Chickasaw citizens (as determined by SSI)

Applications may be complet-

ed at select issuance sites until Sept. 30. Applications can be mailed to homebound seniors or those who are unable to come to the site. The issuance calendar is distributed once the application is complete; it will list the date, time and location for check pick-up.

Reminder letters and an issuance calendar will also be

Chickasaw elders benefit from Winter nutrition program

More than 1,740 Chickasaw seniors each month enjoyed the Winter Fruit and Vegetable program, which ran from November through March.

Seniors are provided fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables from the tribal food distribution center. Healthy recipes are also provided. Almost 600 seniors signed up for the program for the first time.

mailed to previous participants.

Participants can redeem their checks until Nov. 30.

For more information, contact Jennifer Hayes at (888) 436-7255 or (580) 436-7255 or email jennifer.hayes@chickasaw.net.

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One participant expressed her appreciation for the program in a hand written note to tribal staff.

"Just a note to tell you how very much we enjoyed the winter program of fruits and veggies for the seniors. It helped tremendously and we so enjoyed everything! The recipes were a big plus, as well!"

Carolyn Click honored on Dean's List

Tribal robotics team competes in Oklahoma regional event



Former NASA Astronaut and Chickasaw citizen, John Herrington, leads the judging efforts at the Oklahoma Regional Competition. Pictured from left, Daniel Mead, John Herrington, Michael Poe, Carolyn Click and Sean Jesse.



Kneeling from left, Carolyn Click, Beth Alcorn-Benton (Mentor) and Melissa Ellis. Front row standing, from left, David Barlow, Josh Tingle, Nathan Wright (Mentor), Adam Click, Billy Bonner, Sean Jesse, Josh Remis, and Steve Paniagua (Mentor). Back row standing, from left, Sarah Click (Mentor), Jim Lawson (Mentor), Clayton Edwards (Mentor)



Carolyn Click, 16 of Ada, displays her FIRST Dean's List Award. One of two students singled out at the Oklahoma Regional Competition in Oklahoma City, The FIRST Dean's List Award is presented to outstanding student leaders.

A Chickasaw Nation Metal Mayhem robotics team member was recently honored as an outstanding student by the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics program.

Sixteen-year-old Carolyn Click, of Ada, Okla., was named to the FIRST Dean's List during Oklahoma regional robotics competition March 30-31 at Chesapeake Energy Arena. Miss Click was one of two students chosen to receive the FIRST Dean's List Award.

The FIRST Dean's List Award recognizes the leadership and dedication of the most outstanding students. It is the highest award students earn, only two are presented at the regional competition. Miss Click and mentors of the Metal Mayhem team will attend the

National FIRST Robotics competition in Saint Louis, April 25-28.

Former NASA Astronaut and Chickasaw citizen John Herrington lead the judging efforts at the Oklahoma Regional Competition.

"The Chickasaw Nation is fully committed to inspiring our youth and understands the importance of innovative learning," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "We believe FIRST Robotics is one of the best programs in the country. It encourages students to not only succeed, but to excel beyond their dreams. By supporting FIRST, we are inspiring future leaders and showing them that with hard work, innovative thinking and the right tools, anything is possible."

To recognize sponsors and supporters of Oklahoma's FIRST regional competition, a VIP Luncheon took place on Friday, while the competition took a break for lunch.

"There are many people and organizations that are responsible for the success of the FIRST Robotics program in Oklahoma, but if it were not for the insight and commitment of Governor Anoatubby and The Chickasaw Nation, we wouldn't have a regional competition here today," Oklahoma State University President Burns Hargis said during his luncheon address.

Students participating in FIRST are eligible to apply for more than \$14 million in scholarships from leading universi-

ties, colleges and organizations. Compared to students with similar backgrounds and academic achievement in high school math and science, FIRST alumni are 35 percent more likely to attend college.

FIRST Robotics teams influ-

Lighthorse present faux DUI wreck; Tishomingo students take notice

"This is scary. This is scary," one wide-eyed Tishomingo High School student said as she saw the DUI scene.

A girl from her high school lay dead in a bloody heap on the pavement. Another classmate knelt by her body weeping. The bloody, battered lifeless body of another girl spilled out the back window of a car. Four more female classmates were pinned in the wreckage while the intoxicated young man who had been driving staggered around the scene.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol cars, Lighthorse Police vehicles, ambulances and other fire trucks arrived on the scene with sirens blaring and lights flashing as stunned students gathered around the scene.

Emergency medical personnel quickly pulled victims from the vehicles, administered first aid and loaded them into ambulances as firemen used power tools to pry open vehicle doors to free other injured victims.

Finally, a vehicle from the local funeral home arrived to

carry away the bodies of the two teenage girls. Students who participate in the program are ten times as likely to have an apprenticeship or internship while attending college. Once graduated from college, FIRST alumni are more than twice as likely to have a

science or technology-related career and over three times as likely to become an engineer.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation's FIRST Robotics Team, contact Oscar Gore at (580) 272-5579.

CONTRIBUTED BY KC Cole, Public Affairs.



Tishomingo (OK) High School students survey a mock DUI accident scene organized recently by the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police, Tishomingo High School, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Johnston County Emergency Medical Services, Tishomingo Fire Department, Ryder Wrecker Service and Clark Funeral Service. Students involved in the recreation, from left, include Dom Gunter, Emilie Miller and Ashlee Brokaw.

carry away the bodies of the two teenage girls.

Nearby, an Oklahoma Highway Patrolman and Lighthorse Police officer cuffed the dazed driver and forced him to look at the carnage he had caused.

Surveying the mock drunk driving fatality crash staged on the parking lot of Tishomingo High School, one Lighthorse officer on the scene said it would have been difficult to make the scene more realistic.

The Lighthorse Police, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Johnston County Emergency Medical Services, Tishomingo Fire Department, Ryder Wrecker Ser-

vice and Clark Funeral Service worked together on the project designed to encourage teens to think twice before taking the wheel of an automobile while under the influence.

"We are hopeful this will make an impact on these young people," said Jason O'Neal, Lighthorse Chief of Police. "If this mock accident saves one life or prevents one injury it is well worth the time and effort involved. One of the saddest experiences a police officer has is to see the unnecessary death and destruction caused by drunk driving."

May, June Application Deadlines

Check calendars now for 2012 Camps and Academies

The Chickasaw Nation is preparing for an exciting summer of camps, clinics and academies. Many tribal divisions work together to provide a variety of educational activities for youth to explore new opportunities and learn new skills. Many camps and academies have application deadlines approaching soon, with many in April and May.

Chickasaw Nation summer 2012 youth camps and clinics and deadlines include:

Golf Camp

WinStar Golf Course, Thackerville, Okla.

Beginner and Intermediate Camp - June 4-5

Advanced Camp - June 6-7

Application deadline, May 1

Each camp is open to Chickasaw students ages 8-18

Along with an introduction to the game of golf, Chickasaw youth will learn lessons in honor, integrity and sportsmanship. Instruction for all skill levels is provided by a highly knowledgeable and motivated staff. Golf Camp is an overnight camp. Students should apply for the camp that best represents their level of play. Golf Camp is supported by the United States Golf Association, the Professional Golfers Association of Central Oklahoma, the Chickasaw Nation and Chickasaw Foundation. For more information contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Native American Junior Open

Location TBA

June 1

Registration and tee times to be determined

\$20 registration fee required

Open to Native American youth ages 8-18

The Native American Junior Open is a qualifying golf tournament that allows youth to experience tournament atmosphere without the pressures of a school or association tournament. It also is a qualifying tournament for Chickasaw youth ages 12-18 for Team Chickasaw. Team Chickasaw will participate in various tournaments throughout the year. The \$20 registration fee covers the cost of green fees, lunch and range balls. Pre-registration is not available. For more information contact the tribal Department of Youth Services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Tennis Clinic

Ada Tennis Center, Ada, Okla.

Session I - June 11-14, 8 a.m. to noon, ages 8-11

Sessions II - June 18-21, 8 a.m. to noon, ages 12-18

Application deadline - May 1

These clinics provide Chickasaw youth the opportunity to learn the sport of tennis, which can be played for a lifetime. Two clinics are offered - one for beginners and one for intermediate players.

Both sessions are open to Chickasaw youth ages 8-18. In either clinic, the participants will learn honor, integrity, sportsmanship and teamwork. Campers may only apply for one session.

For more information contact the tribal Department of Youth Services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy June 25-28

Lighthorse Police Headquarters, Ada, Okla.

Application deadline - June 1

Open to Native American youth ages 13-17

The Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy provides an excellent opportunity for Native American youth to explore law enforcement careers. Students will hear from law enforcement personnel and will also learn skills including CPR, communication, safety and crime prevention.

Forty Native American youth will be selected. Chickasaw youth will be given first priority for the camp.

For an application and more information contact Brent Harper at (580) 436-1166 or at brent.harper@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa (Marksmanship Camp)

Two separate one-day clinics

June 28-29

Application deadline - May 1

Open to Chickasaw students ages 12-18.

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa (Gun Shoot Straight) encourages a long-term training program for young Chickasaw students wishing to excel in Olympics-style rifle and pistol shooting or competitive archery using a compound bow. These clinics feature instruction on gun safety, marksmanship techniques and archery for a maximum of 50 students. The clinics focus on the disciplines required for competition-style target shooting and consist of both classroom instruction and firing practice. Pistols and rifles used for these clinics are

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Career Development Initiative (CDI) now accepting applications

The Career Development Initiative Program (CDI) is now accepting applications.

CDI is a six-month transitional program for qualified Chickasaw citizens in the Ada area. The program helps citizens who have a barrier to employment gain full time employment.

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2012 Camps and Academies

Olympic-style air guns. Instruction will be provided by certified instructors, Lighthorse officers, and local nationally-trained coaches. For more information, contact the Department of Youth Services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Champions Football Clinic

Ada High Football Complex, Ada, Okla.

July 5-7, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Application deadline - May 1

Open to male Chickasaw students ages 8- 18

Led by veteran coach Ken Heupel, this clinic teaches the fundamentals of football, teamwork and leadership. Former University of Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel and other special guests are part of the program. Highlights of the clinic include an 8-to-1 student to instructor ratio, offensive and defensive drills, flag football, and a competition where each student may select one guest to join them in the game. This

is a day clinic. Participants must have transportation to and from the clinic. For more information contact the Department of Youth Services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Champions Cheerleading Clinic

Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center, Ada, Okla.

July 6-7, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Application deadline May 1

Open to female Chickasaw students ages 8-14

At this clinic, a team of Day of Champions cheerleading coaches will instruct female students on motion, jumps, spirit, rhythm, health and fitness. The experience will include mentoring in the areas of character, responsibility, goal setting, dedication, hard work and integrity. Cheerleaders will be able to enhance their abilities and learn basic cheerleading fundamentals geared to their skill levels. There will be a Saturday performance and each student may select one guest to join them for the performance. This is a day clinic. Participants must have transportation to and from the clinic. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Youth Basketball Clinics

July 10-11

Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City

Application deadline May 1

The Basketball Clinics are open to Chickasaw girls and boys ages 8 to 14. Students have the opportunity to learn basketball techniques from current and former high school and university players and coaches during these clinics. This is an overnight clinic. If needed, transportation will be provided. For more in-

formation, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Chikasha Saya (I Am Chickasaw)

July 2012

Application deadline May 1

Chickasaw heritage and culture lessons are top priorities at this camp, which is open to Chickasaw students ages 10 to 14. Students also learn about their responsibilities in caring for the environment. Swimming, boating and volleyball are also planned for this overnight camp. For more information, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Chickasaw Language Immersion Family Camp

Tatanka Ranch, Stroud, Okla.

July 15-21 (three sessions)

Application deadline May 15

Open to Chickasaw families

This overnight camp is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language within Chickasaw families. Camp activities include kayaking, canoeing, swimming, fishing, gardening and other activities with primary instruction being through Chickasaw language. This is an overnight camp and participants must have transportation to and from camp. For more information or an application, contact Rachel Wedlow, Language Outreach Coordinator, at 580-272-5540 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Yakni Moma Alphisa (Justice for a Nation) Court Camp

July 30- Aug. 1



At-Large citizens can call with health questions

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on Division of Health programs and services available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

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For more information, contact Connie Tillery at 580-235-0281 or email Connie.Tillery@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo

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Chickasaw Language Sports Camp

July 30-Aug. 4

Various locations

Application deadline July 6

Open to Chickasaw youth grades 1-6.

Himitta Alhiha Hochokoshkomo is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language in an interactive, athletic environment. Sports included in the camp are: To'li' (stickball), basketball, softball, volleyball, soccer, and numerous other games and activities. Participants must have transportation to and from camp. Camp participation is limited to 30 campers per day. For an application and more information, contact Rachel Wedlow, Language Outreach Coordinator, at (580) 272-5540 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Xtreme Camp

Cross Point Camp, Kingston, Okla.

June 17-21

Application deadline is May 13

Sponsorship for Chickasaw students ages 15-18

This overnight camp is for young men and women who want to enjoy a week full of challenging activities, great fellowship and awesome assemblies. Campers will have the opportunity to water ski, water tube, skeet shoot, rappel, ride horses, compete in a variety of huddle competitions, scale the 65-foot climbing tower and experience the high ropes challenge course. Campers will also enjoy outstanding speakers, great music, and challenging competitions. This camp emphasizes leadership, fun, personal growth and building great friendships. The Chickasaw Nation will sponsor the attendance of selected Chickasaw youth to participate in this camp. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Competitors Camp

Camp Walk On Water, Stuart, Okla.

July 12-16

Application deadline is May 13

Sponsorship for Chickasaw students ages 11-14

This overnight camp combines the great facilities and activities of Camp WOW with the athleticism and competition that has defined the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ministry for more than 50 years. Campers will be assigned to a huddle led by a college athlete. Huddles will meet together to pray and play. Each day will feature athletic competitions in the water and on land along with teambuilding exercises. Activities

will include the climbing wall; zip line (over land and water), the Blob, water slide, ropes course, obstacle course and much more. Bible devotions, upbeat music and topical discussions will also be a part of the day's activities. This camp focuses on fun, competition and personal growth. The Chickasaw Nation will sponsor the attendance of selected Chickasaw youth to participate in this camp. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

Application Information

All applicants must include a copy of the camper's Chickasaw citizenship card. Submitting the application does not guarantee selection to the camp.

For more information or obtain an application, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620. Return application to Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820; or fax (580) 310-6626. Additional information is available online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. Applications may be submitted by mail, fax or online.

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Misty Hurley is March Student of the Month

Ms. Misty Hurley, a senior at Ryan High School, was selected Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month for March 2012. She has been a participant in Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound (CFUB) program for three years and is a member of the CFUB Leadership Council.



Misty Hurley

Misty is involved in athletics while maintaining a 3.5 grade point average. She was selected for her school's principal and superintendent's honor rolls.

Misty gives credit to the CFUB program for preparing her for college. She will attend Murray State College after graduating high school to pursue her degree in physical therapy.

If you are interested in the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and its programs, you can contact their offices at (580) 371-9583 or by email at ChickasawFndUB@chickasaw.net.

Ellett graduates from Leaders Institute

Congratulations to Ms. Rhonda Ellett, Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound academic

advisor! Ms. Ellett graduated from the Oklahoma Division of Student Assistance (ODSA) Emerging Leaders Institute on March 30, 2012. The purpose of this institute is to identify, train and mentor ODSA members for leadership roles within the association. Graduates attend five all-day training sessions which include topics on leadership styles and skills, presentation skills, group problem-solving, team building, time and project management, parliamentary procedure, the ODSA constitution, TRiO history, and an overview of the Walter O. Mason Foundation.



Rhonda Ellett

Foundation receives 'America' Fund grant

The Chickasaw Foundation received a grant from the America the Beautiful Fund located in Washington, DC. The grant is for free seeds to community groups striving to better our world through gardening. The grant received by the Chickasaw Foundation will be utilized by the Chickasaw Nation Community Garden program.

This program is active with the Chickasaw Nation seniors, needy Chickasaw citizens, local

community and school groups and other Native American citizens. Their goal is to promote the benefits of vegetable and flower growing. Educational tours are given throughout the year at the horticultural site to show each person can make a positive impact on nature by being a good steward of the earth.

Chickasaw Foundation scholarship application available now!

The Chickasaw Foundation offers a variety of scholarships. Each year our application is offered in early spring and lists available scholarships along with their criteria and amount. Scholarship funding begins with each fall semester and is dependent upon the availability of funding. Scholarship awards shall be made payable directly to the students' designated college or university. Requirements and amounts for each funding source may change during the course of a school year.

All scholarship applications must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline date to be considered for funding.

The Chickasaw Foundation provides educational assistance for students who demonstrate excellence in academics, community service, dedication to Native America and a com-

mitment to learning.

You Provide: (Depending on the scholarship)

- Two letters of recommendation from a high school official or instructor who is knowledgeable of your academic ability and character. Note: Applicants of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Scholarship require one letter from the Foundation's Upward Bound academic advisor that has been working with the student.

- High school and/or college transcript (depends on classification)

- Proof of enrollment for fall semester

- Typed essay describing long-term goals and plans to achieve them

- Copy of Chickasaw citizenship card or CDIB (depends on scholarship)

- Copy of your Chickasaw Nation employee badge holder (if applicable)

- Copy of ACT/SAT scores

- Proof of any honors, awards or achievements, participation in any clubs, societies, etc.

- Proof of income (if applicable)

- Proof of acceptance to law school and law school transcript

Eligibility requirements differ with each scholarship.

Deadline to apply is June 1st. Applicants will be notified by mid-July if they are selected to receive the scholarship.

You may contact our office

at (580) 421-9030 or send an e-mail to ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net for any information regarding our scholarships. The application can be found on-line at www.chickasawfoundation.org.

Lighthouse Scholarship now available through Chickasaw Foundation

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce the opening of the 2012-2013 The Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Scholarship – In Memory of Special Agent Patrick Flickinger. This scholarship is for a full-time Chickasaw student with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. The student must be attending a two-or four-year college or university and majoring in criminal justice, police science or an equivalent. The deadline for submitting your application for this scholarship is June 1, 2012.

Interested applicants may contact the Chickasaw Foundation by calling (580) 421-9030, going to our website at www.chickasawfoundation.org or by email at ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net.

Do you know an outstanding Chickasaw athlete?

We're looking for exceptional Chickasaw athletes from the past and the present for possible feature stories in the Chickasaw Times and other Chickasaw Nation publications. We are seeking Chickasaw athletes who have excelled at the college, semi-professional or professional level in any sport.

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- A brief outline of the athlete's career.

You may email us at Times.Chickasaw@chickasaw.net or call the Chickasaw Times at (580) 310-7903.

The deadline for submission is May 31.

Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, please contact Ms. Randi Payne at (580) 310-6451 or randi.payne@chickasaw.net.

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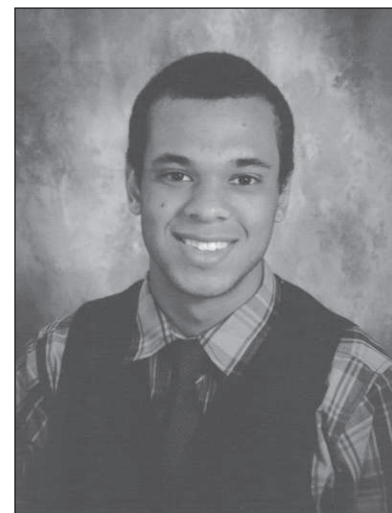


Kaitlyn Rose Stevens is a 2012 graduate of South Moore High School, Moore, Okla. She is the daughter of Dana Ezell and Jeff Stevens. She is the granddaughter of the late Wesley and Josephine Stevens and Dan and Sharon Weaver, of Purcell, Okla.

Kaitlyn was active in Link Crew for two years, Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) for one year, drama for two years, journalism for three years, Fellowship of Christian Athletes for three years and soccer manager.

Her plans are to attend Oklahoma State University in the fall.

Jaja Makonnan Felix



Jaja Makonnan Felix is a 2012 graduate of Yosemite High School, Oakhurst, Calif. He is the son of Barbara Cavazos. He is the grandson of Julia Parks, great-grandson of KC Parks and the great-great-grandson of original Dawes enrollee Phoebe (Julia) Underwood.

Jaja currently carries a 4.0 grade point average (GPA).

He has been accepted to Humboldt (CA) State University and will major in microbiology. He will be the first in his family to attend university.

Zachary Star Garcia

Zachary Star Garcia is a 2012 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of W.T. Skye and Sarah Garcia. He is the grandson of Betsy Gilmore and the late Owen G. "Buck" Gilmore and Maryrose Garcia and the late William Garcia.

Zachary is an honor student, athlete, award-winning pianist, vocalist and published composer. He is a member of the 2012 Oklahoma All District and All State Mixed Chorus and just recently became the only solo artist in the history of Oklahoma to receive the sixth gold cup in the National Federation of Music Clubs for 14 years of consecutive superior ratings in piano performance.

In addition to his music studies, he has been active in performing arts, Cougar News Network, starting member of the varsity basketball and cross country teams. He is active in several clubs including the Ada High Ruff Ryders, Native Spirit Group, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), math club, Spanish club and Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA). He holds memberships in the National Honor Society, National High School Mathematics Honor Society (Mu Alpha Theta), Oklahoma Indian Honor Society and the Chickasaw Honor Club. He is a member of Trinity Baptist Church and plays in the Christian rock band "Bloodline". He has been a member of the Chickasaw Nation's "Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi" youth leadership program and represented the Chickasaw Nation at the "Nation Building for Native Youth" summer leadership institute, in Scottsdale, Ariz. in summer 2011.

His future plans are to attend East Central University and major in vocal music education with a minor in Spanish.



JJ Stewart



JJ Stewart is a 2012 graduate of Roff High School, Roff, Okla. She is the daughter of Mike and Jana Stewart. She is the granddaughter of Bobby and Neva Stewart and Ellen Goforth and Vernon Brown.

JJ has been involved in fast and slow pitch softball and basketball for the past four years. She was a member of student council, Beta Honor Club, National Honor Society, Oklahoma Indian Honor Society, Oklahoma Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

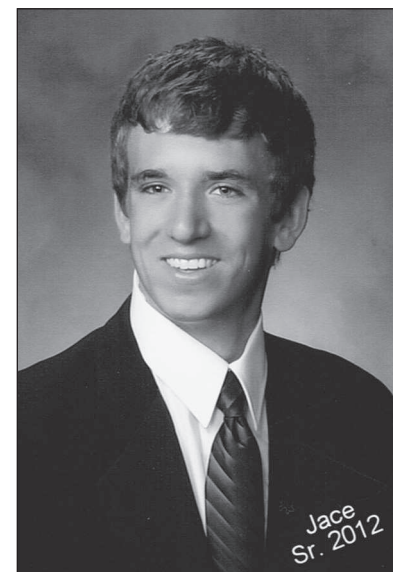
She plans to attend East Central University and major in biology. Her hopes are to one day be a physician's assistant and have a big and happy family.

Jace Michael Woodrow

Jace Michael Woodrow is a 2012 graduate of Washington High School, Washington, Okla. He is the son of Mike and Denise Woodrow. He is the grandson of Lloyd and Ramona Aiken and the late David and Yvonne Woodrow.

Jace has been active in football, basketball and baseball. He was an active member of the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and science club. Awards include class 3A basketball academic state champions the past three years. He is an active member of Washington First Baptist Church and has participated in many Chickasaw Nation youth activities throughout the years. His hobbies include deer hunting, fishing, camping and boating.

His future plans include a career in business management or the sports industry.



Holly Hatton



Holly Hatton is a 2012 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Tracy and Charlotte Hatton.

Holly is a member of the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, United States Achievement Academy and Business Professionals of America (BPA). She is also a member of Beta Alpha Phi, her high school theater club.

Her plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., this fall.

Samantha Fox

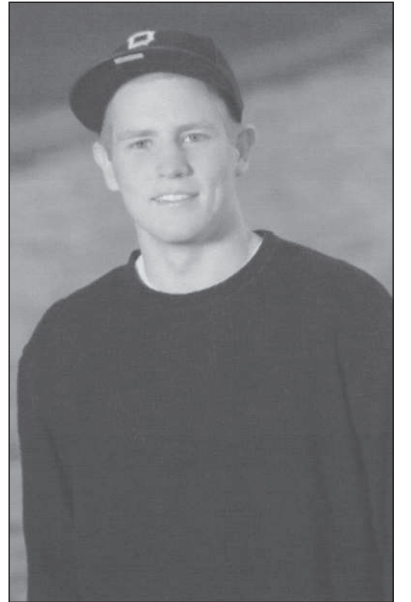


Samantha Fox is a 2012 graduate of Holdenville High School, Holdenville, Okla. She is the daughter of James and Cynthia Fox. She is the granddaughter of Lenard and Dorothy Fox and Harold and JoAnn Epperly.

Samantha is the valedictorian of her graduating class. She was active in Upward Bound for five years, National Honor Society for three years, on the student bank board for two years, journalism editor and Students with a Mission for one year. She has received awards in chemistry, English, business, French, Spanish, algebra and computers.

Her plans are to attend Oklahoma State University, Stillwater and major in electrical and computer engineering.

Kaleb Kyle Harris



Kaleb Kyle Harris is a 2012 graduate of Highland High School, Gilbert, Ariz. He is the son of Kyle and Renee Harris. He is the brother of Blake Harris. He is the grandson of Dan and Sue Barker, Blue and Jacque Harris and Denny and Debbie De-therage.

Kaleb played two years of high school baseball and four years of football as the starting center and long snapper. He was selected to the 2011 AZFCA Section II, Region II and All Region Team for offense.

He plans to attend Pima Community College, Tucson, where he will study fire science to become a fireman.

Morgan Iago

Morgan Iago is a 2012 graduate of Newcastle High School, Newcastle, Okla. She is the daughter of Thomas and Jami Iago. She is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Mary Lou Davis, Gerlinde and Ronnie Brotherton and Ed and Karen Iago.

Morgan has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years, currently serving as vice president; math club for four years, currently serving as president; varsity cheerleader for four years, currently captain of the cheer squad. She has also been active on the golf team for four years, member of the captain's council and worked as a fifth grade teacher's assistant. She maintains a 4.05 grade point average (GPA) and has completed 15 hours of concurrent enrollment. She is an active community service volunteer working with the MDA, OKC Fire Department, National Down Syndrome Society, Children's Hospital, senior citizens center and several other organizations.

Her future plans are to attend the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond majoring in nutrition and continuing her education to obtain a degree in optometry.



Courtney Montgomery



Courtney Montgomery is a 2012 graduate of Norman High School, Norman, Okla. She is the daughter of Mark and Anke Montgomery. She is the granddaughter of Charlotte Newton and Luzia Rech and Richard Spitzhorn.

Courtney has had an outstanding senior year! She has been involved in cheer since the eighth grade and was chosen to be the cheer captain this year. Throughout high school, Courtney has participated in numerous regional, state and national cheer competitions. During her senior year, Courtney also attended the University of Oklahoma as a concurrent student and worked part-time as a waitress and hostess.

She has been accepted to the University of Oklahoma and is looking forward to beginning her freshman year this coming fall.

We love you and are so proud of you!

Taylor Lynn Arter

Taylor Lynn Arter is a 2012 graduate of Lindsay High School, Lindsay, Okla. He is the son of Darryl and Carrie Arter. He is the grandson of Bob and Patsy Pyle and Wesley and Janet Arter.

Taylor is a 2011 Eagle Scout, he is also a 2008 Super Top Gun from CNASA.

His current plans are to attend Oklahoma Christian University, at Edmond, to major in veterinary medicine. His long term plan is to practice veterinary medicine in a rural area.



Olivia Shaffer



Olivia Shaffer is a 2012 graduate of Gig Harbor High School, Gig Harbor, Wash. She is the daughter of Shawn and Kiersten Shaffer. She is the granddaughter of the late Don and Marie Shaffer.

Olivia has enjoyed participating in performing arts via ballet most of her life and high school drama club.

She plans to attend Whitworth University at Spokane to acquire a degree in English education and become a high school teacher.



ShyKiya Nash

ShuKiya Nash is a 2012 graduate of McEachern High School, Powder Springs, Ga. She is the daughter of Matt and Shay Nash-Tuley. She is the granddaughter of Prince and Betty Nash, of Ardmore, Okla.

ShuKiya is ranked in the top ten of her graduating class and will be graduating with a 3.8 grade point average (GPA). She was a varsity cheerleader for four years. She is currently enrolled in Empire Beauty School and will receive her cosmetology license upon graduation in August 2012. In her spare time she volunteers to teach little tots cheerleading. She also works as a tumbling coach for Cheer Imperial in Atlanta, Ga.

She plans to attend Kennesaw State University and major in child psychology.

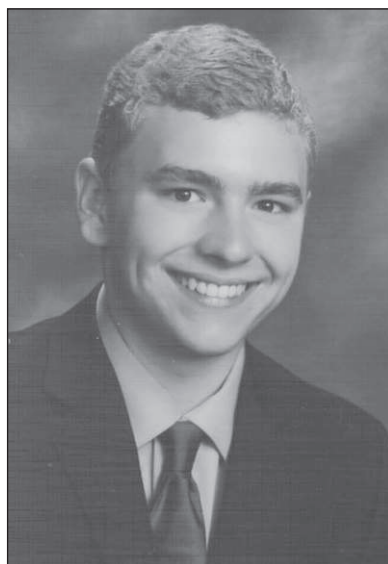
We are very proud of all her accomplishments in her life journey.

Patrick Thomas Francis Kelly

Patrick Thomas Francis Kelly is a 2012 graduate of San Joaquin Memorial High School, Fresno, Calif. He is the son of Kathy Kelly and the late John Kelly. He is the grandson of Reba and Michael Cunningham, Patricia Kelly and the late Jeremiah Kelly.

Patrick has been involved in the nature club. In his free time he enjoys playing the piano and violin. He has an interest in Baroque classical music.

He plans to attend St. John's College, Annapolis, Md. He hopes to teach biology in the future.



Carly Nicole Cunningtubby

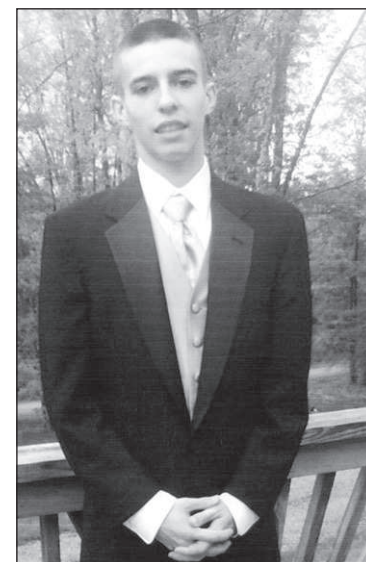


Carly Nicole Cunningtubby is a 2012 graduate of Western Heights High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Gina and James Cunningtubby. She is the granddaughter of Judy and Roy Cunningtubby and Pat Riboni.

Carly is ranked 43 in a her graduating class of 177 students. She has been part of the Native American Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and high school bowling. She has participated in softball for the past seven years and varsity softball for three years. She was selected to play in the All-State softball tournament with honorable mention in the All-State Big City. She has attended the Chickasaw Nation softball camps for four years and won an award for her hard work and abilities in 2010.

She plans to attend college in the fall and study Kinesiology.

Trevor Lee Creek



Trevor Lee Creek is a 2012 graduate of Hampshire High School, Romney, W.Va. He is the son of Peggy Creek and Ernest Creek, Jr. He is the grandson of Ernie and Carolyn Creek and Larry and Dorothy Mason.

Trevor has been a member of the National Technical Honor Society, played baseball and basketball for high school and county leagues.

He plans to attend James Rumsey Technical Institute in electromechanical engineering.

Mika McBride



Mika McBride is a 2012 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Loyd and Regina Golden. She is the granddaughter of Marie Smith.

Mika enjoys working out, cosmetology and washing her car.

She plans to attend college and pursue a doctorate degree in dentistry.

Connor York

Connor York is a 2012 graduate of Argyle High School, Argyle, Texas. He is the son of Greg and Suzanne York. He is the grandson of Patrick Wyers.

Connor was a three year starter for the basketball team, which recently won the 3A state championship. He was a two year offensive MVP and free throw shooter of the year. He was a two time all-area selection as well as a two time academic all-state. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He plans to attend Texas A&M University to study accounting.



Taylor Dale Edgar



Taylor Dale Edgar is a 2012 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. She is the daughter of Steven and Stacy Edgar. She is the granddaughter of Chris and Alberta Edgar and Marvin and Regeana McCracken.

Taylor was active in fast pitch and slow pitch softball, she served as basketball manager and select choir. She was managing editor of the school paper, junior class reporter, senior class president, member of National Honor Society, Oklahoma Honor Society and an honor graduate. She was also an Oasis band member at Crossway Baptist Church.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., in the fall and major in early childhood education.

Marlee Erwin

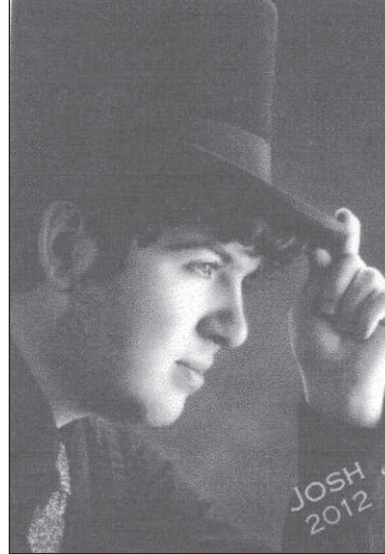


Marlee Erwin is a 2012 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Ginger and Craig Edmondson and Wade and Teri Erwin. She is the granddaughter of Bobby and Maxine Erwin, of Kingston; Marge Edmondson, of Broken Bow and Maxine Neely, of Milburn.

Marlee has been involved with yearbook, choir, FCA, Native American Club, MSC concurrent student, Chickasaw honor student and CAIP. She is a member of Calvary Baptist Youth, employed with Ann's Flowers and Gifts and Trinity School of Dance. Her hobbies include movies, clogging, singing, swimming, fishing and most outdoor activities.

Her future plans include summer work at Christian camp and pursue a higher education degree with Oklahoma State University.

Joshua Kerva



Joshua Kerva is a 2012 graduate of H.H. Dow High School, Midland, Mich. He is the son of James and Linda Johnson Kerva. He is the grandson of Louie Johnson, the late Louise Tilly Johnson and the late Adam and Marie Kerva. He is the great-grandson of original enrollees Susie Pearl Blevins Tilly and C.E. Tilly.

Joshua was nominated to the National Honor Society each year since seventh grade and completed a college calculus course at Delta College last fall while enrolled in high school. He was a four year member of the Charger Marching Band which earned first place awards for its French horn groups' performances at regional contests. He was an active Eagle Scout who completely designed and constructed a new clothing pantry for the Caregiving Network after raising over \$1,600.

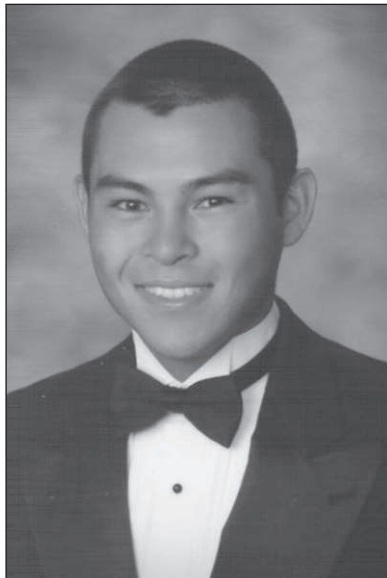
He plans to attend Ohio State, for which he has received two four-year scholarships, and major in chemical engineering.

James Samuel Hatano

James Samuel Hatano is a 2012 graduate of Willow Glen High School, San Jose, Calif. He is the son of Shannon and Dan Hatano. He is the grandson of Bobbie and Samuel Pearcy.

James was active in junior varsity and varsity baseball and maintained a 3.72 grade point average (GPA).

He plans to attend West Valley College and pursue a degree in sports medicine.



Autumn Renee Thompson

Autumn Renee Thompson is a 2012 graduate of Dickson High School, Dickson, Okla. She is the daughter of Mary and Donny Fulton and Rodney and Shelly Thompson. She is the granddaughter of Deanna and Eddie Kendall, Charles Thompson and Buel and Catrina Roberts.

Autumn was active in softball and choir. She plans to pursue a degree in nursing.



Katryna Mayall



Katryna Mayall is a 2012 graduate of Anadarko High School, Anadarko, Okla. She is the daughter of Donnie and Myrna Mayall. She is the granddaughter of Benny and Dora Carter, Rita Mayall and the late Cubie Mayall.

Katryna was active in color guard, band, winter guard, academic team and 4-H. As a member of the Caddo County 4-H trapshooting team and the Oklahoma Trapshooting Association she won numerous awards and trophies.

She has been on the honor roll throughout high school. She has received several character education awards and maintained a 3.9 grade point average. She is an active member and volunteer at First Baptist Church, Anadarko.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma and major in diagnostic medical sonography.

Taylor Manuel



Taylor Manuel is a 2012 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Terry and Amy Manuel.

Taylor was active in band and color guard. She was the Oklahoma Trotters manager.

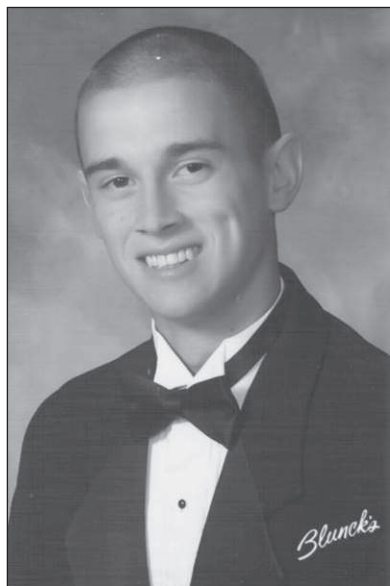
She plans to attend East Central University.

Nicholas Ryan Adams

Nicholas Ryan Adams is a 2012 graduate of Duncan High School, Duncan, Okla. He is the son of Ernie and Sue Adams. He is the grandson of Ernest and Treva Adams, Silas Fleetwood and the late Dorothy Fleetwood.

Nicholas was active in DECA and baseball.

He plans to pursue a career in culinary arts or graphic design.



Nicala Price

Nicala Price is a 2012 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Bobby and Vicki Price. She is the granddaughter of Don and Annette Price and Margaret Furey.

Nicala has attended Latta from preschool through the twelfth grade which earns her a place in the 14 year club. She is a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club and has received the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award. She has been honored as a Rotary Club student of the month and a Kiwanis Club student of the month.

She has participated in softball and has been a starter on the varsity team for the last three years. She has worked in the Chickasaw Nation summer youth program since she was fourteen. She currently works part-time in the physical therapy department when she is not playing softball.

Her future plans are to attend East Central University and pursue a degree in occupational therapy.



Kaitlyn Loafman



Kaitlyn Loafman is a 2012 graduate of Duncan High School, Duncan, Okla. She is the daughter of Dennis and Jane Loafman. She is the granddaughter of Linda and Keith Davis and Jerry and Gail Loafman.

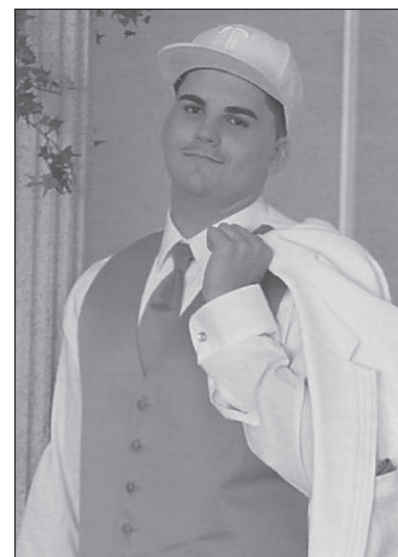
Kaitlyn was active in varsity swim team, tennis, student council, green club, youth alive, Jolly Jills Club and Heartbeat Dance Company. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Oklahoma Honor Society and pre-engineering academy. She also served as class vice-president.

She plans to attend the University of New Mexico and major in physical therapy.

Terry Day Fields Jr.

Terry Day Fields Jr. is a 2012 graduate of Hirschi High School, Wichita Falls, Texas. He is the son of Missy and Scott Szymanski. He is the grandson of Freda Waltz, Lynda Martin, Juanita Miller, the late Bill Waltz, Sally and Reece Fields and Coplin Miller.

Terry was active in basketball for two years, Red River 22 for two years, offense player of the year 2012, Texas All-Star 2012, football for three years, baseball for four years, Pals for two years, FCA for two years, Teens Make a Difference for two years and honor roll for four years.

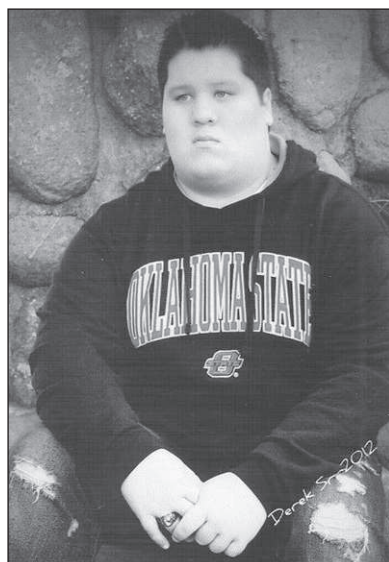


Derek Christopher Scruggs

Derek Christopher Scruggs is a 2012 graduate of Cache High School, Cache, Okla. He is the son of Brandy Myers-Black. He is the grandson of Pastor Jim and Phyllis Myers.

Derek was active in basketball, football and history club. He participated in college art competitions and placed in the top nine of more than 200 schools in the state. He completed two years of pre-engineering at Great Plains Technology Center. He is an active member of Restoration Church of God.

He plans to attend Cameron University for one year and transfer to Oklahoma State University and pursue a degree in engineering with a minor in arts.



Dacoata Robison

Dacoata Robison is a 2012 graduate of Yale High School, Yale, Okla. She is the daughter of Tammy and Ronnie Price. She is the granddaughter of Darrell and Claudia McKinney.

Dacoata loves to play softball. She has been playing since she was seven years old. She has a sister, Juanity; step-sister, Deborah; step-brother, Colten; several aunts, uncles and lots of cousins.



Dannyale Pettigrew



Dannyale Pettigrew is a 2012 graduate of Lone Grove High School, Lone Grove, Okla. She is the daughter of Stacey and Joe Pettigrew. She is the granddaughter of Dana McMillan, Betty Williford, Rocky and Janie Southerland and Emma and Bill Pettigrew.

Dannyale participated in cosmetology at Southern Oklahoma Technology Center. She was the color guard captain. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Governor's Honor Club, superintendent's honor roll and listed in Who's Who of America.

Her plans are to become a cosmetologist.

Dannyale, I am very proud of you. I know that whatever you do in life you will succeed! You are a great person and a hard worker.

Love you so much!

Kelvin Brister



Kelvin Brister is a 2012 graduate of Pauls Valley High School, Pauls Valley, Okla. He is the son of Dale and Michelle Brister. He is the grandson of Dennis and Phyllis Goldsby, Kenneth Brister and the late Dorslyn Brister.

Kelvin was active in football, baseball and basketball. He was named All-Star defensive lineman.

He plans to attend college and play football.

Chelsie J Hammond



Chelsie J Hammond is a 2012 graduate of Albert Lowry High School, Winnemucca, Nev. She is the daughter of Byron and Angela Hammond. She is the granddaughter of Howard and Cheryl Hammond, the late Terry Frederick and Dixie and George Smith.

Chelsie was a member of the swing choir, National Honor Society, teen court and FCCLA. She enjoys volunteer work including tutoring summer school students at the middle school, helping at the Newmont Mining Christmas dinner for the less fortunate, helping with kids and cops program and working on the city of Winnemucca Labor Day parade. She also enjoys riding her horse Cookie and playing with her dog Daisy.

She plans to attend Eastern Oregon University in La Grande and pursuing a music teaching degree.

Zachary Houston Burton

Zachary Houston Burton is a 2012 graduate of Choctaw High School, Choctaw, Okla. He is the son of Chuck and Tracy Burton. He is the grandson of Doyle and Joanne Burton and Ed and Carolyn Peck.

Zachary was a member of National Honor Society and the Chickasaw Governor's Honor Club. He was active in drama and Key Club.

He plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, to pursue a degree in pre-med.



Caitlan Jett

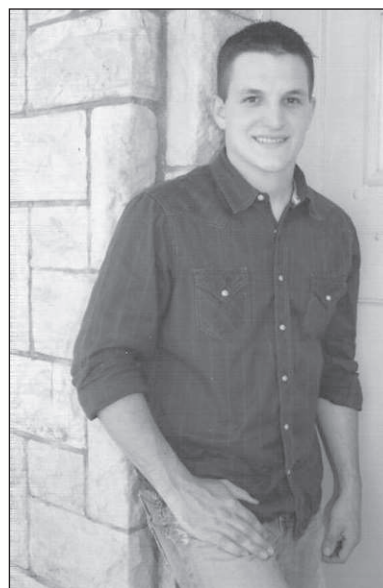
Caitlan Jett is a 2012 graduate of Hobbs High School, Hobbs, N.M. She is the daughter of Chris and Kim Jett. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Patsy Jordan.

Caitlan was a member of the National Honor Society for two years, art club, student mentor and Who's Who in American Education.

She plans to attend ENMU Portales in the fall to major in early education.



John Colton McGehee



John Colton McGehee is a 2012 graduate of Turner High School, Marietta, Okla. He is the son of Preston and Kim McGehee. He is the grandson of John and Cindy Musgrove and Preston and Sharron McGehee.

Colton was active in basketball and baseball for four years, FFA for four years, FCA for four years. He was listed on principal's honor roll, Chickasaw Honor Club for four years, Ardmoreite Student of the Week, Oct. 2011 and Turner High School Student of the Month, Feb. 2012.

Cherokee Sky Davies

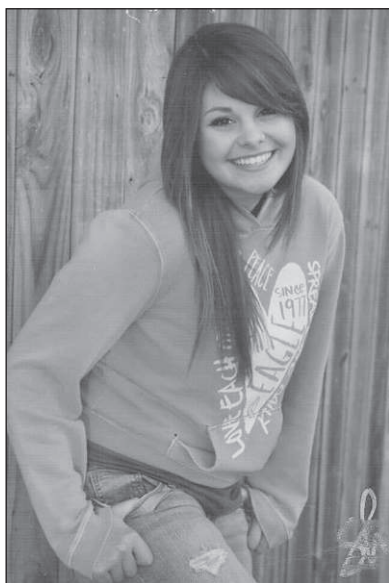
Cherokee Skye Davies is a 2012 graduate of Marlow High School, Marlow, Okla. She is the daughter of David and Lorri Davies. She is the granddaughter of Kaylynn Alexander.

Cherokee was active in FFA, FCCLA, SADD Students Against Destructive Decisions, Relay for Life, cheerleading and competition cheer squad.

She plans to attend Cameron University to study business.



Heather Nicole Barr



Heather Nicole Barr is a 2012 graduate of Arp High School, Arp, Texas. She is the daughter of Marian Barr and the late Steven Rex Barr. She is the granddaughter of Tom Barr and Barbara Dewberry.

Heather is a very intelligent young woman. She has always been at the top of her class and has always thrived to better herself academically. She graduated high school with a 3.89 grade point average one year earlier than expected, due to her outstanding academic achievements.

She is currently attending Kilgore College during her senior year while working on her associate's degree in science and accounting. During her first year at Kilgore she has been inducted into both Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Kappa Delta. She is a member of the Ranger Ambassadors which is part of a recruitment program.

Emily Santhanam

Emily Santhanam is a 2012 graduate of Greenwich High School, Greenwich, Conn. She is the daughter of Margaret and Sanjay Santhanam. She is the granddaughter of the late John W. Riley, Sandra Moore Riley, K. Santhanam and the late Jayalakshmi. She is the sister of Nashoba and Meghana Santhanam. She is the great-grandniece of Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee, Euel "Monk" Moore.

Emily was a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. She played percussion in her school's wind ensemble and serves as percussion section co-leader. She enjoyed playing on the field hockey team.

She spent many hours volunteering at Greenwich Hospital and for Art from the Heart where she helped to redecorate the bedrooms of seriously ill children. She also works part-time at a yoga studio.

She plans to attend Stanford University in the fall. She is currently undecided about a major but looks forward to exploring English and psychology, two of her favorite subjects in high school.



Alyssa Katia Farney



Alyssa Katia Farney is a 2012 graduate of Joplin High School, Joplin, Mo. She is the daughter of James and Ann (Kemp) Courtney, of Joplin, and Robert and Michiru Farney, of Beaverton, Ore. She is the granddaughter of Charlie and Karen Kemp, of Joplin. Her godmothers are Aunt Heather Kemp, of Santa Fe, and Aunt Betty Kemp, of Norman, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Raymond and Mamie Hughes Kemp, of Norman.

Alyssa is ranked 14 in a class of 536. She is the historian for the Joplin Chapter of the National Honor Society. She plays cello in the Strolling Strings, the chamber orchestra and the orchestra. She is a member of the physics club, the Rocketry Club and Tri-M. She works in the after-school program for elementary school children at her church where she also plays bass in the praise band. She is a member of the local Stream Team. In her spare time she is training her dog, a rescued lab mix named Bean.

Alyssa has been accepted to the Honors College at Missouri Southern State University at Joplin, where she plans to study nursing.

Jennifer Mary Allison

Jennifer Mary Allison is a 2012 graduate of Scripps Ranch High School, San Diego. She is the daughter of Matthew and Michelle Allison. She is the granddaughter of Wade and Virginia Allison and Michael and Carol Jackson.

Jennifer has been a member of the women's water polo team, swim and dive team. She is a lifetime member of the California Scholarship Federation and recipient of the AP Scholar Award.

She will be attending Stanford University as a history major.



Shannon Richelle Phillips

Shannon Richelle Phillips is a 2012 graduate of Moore High School, Moore, Okla. She is the daughter of Danny and Debbie Phillips. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Barbara Kuykendall, Danny and Earlene Raines and Wanda Russell. She is the sister of Jordan and Bradley.

Shannon attends Rose State College, Oklahoma City, for concurrent enrollment. She enjoys going to the lake, hanging out with her boyfriend and his family and watching housewives.



Katherine BryAnn Edelman



Katherine BryAnn Edelman is a 2012 graduate of Heights High School, Wichita, Kan. She is the daughter of Cristina Edelman and Dennis Edelman. She is the granddaughter of Lynn and Eugene Stumblingbear and Ken and Georgia Ann Edelman. She is the great-granddaughter of Julia Cheadle and Louis McGilbra.

Katherine has played softball for the Park City Panthers since 2005. She is C/Ssgt with the Air Force ROTC; she has been active in ROTC for over two years. She attended Camp Gruber training site in Tahlequah, Okla., last summer where she received awards for outstanding cadet and most motivated. She was chosen earlier this year to participate in a flight program where she flew a small plane. She was crowned queen of the cadet ball this

year and just recently received the Air Force Sergeants Association National Award and the Scottish Rites presented her an appreciation award for her color guard participation this year.

Her plans are to attend U.S. Marines basic training at Parris Island. Her job of choice is legal services.

Ailey Gunsolus



Ailey Gunsolus is a 2012 graduate of Turner High School, Burneyville, Okla. She is the daughter of Raymond and Jennifer Gilbreath. She is the granddaughter of C.W. and Joyce Hallum. She is the great-granddaughter of Elena Coyle Loving.

Ailey was active in cheerleading for four years, FCCLA for four years, FFA for two years, FCA for four years and softball for two years. She is a member of the Rubottom Baptist Church.

Her future plans are to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University in the fall.

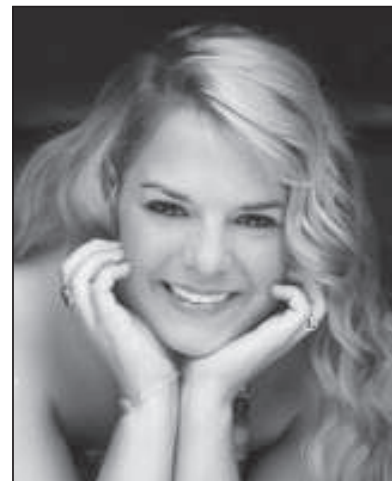
Madeline Elizabeth Pilling

Madeline Elizabeth Pilling is a 2012 graduate of Jenks High School, Jenks, Okla. She is the daughter of Mark and Gail Pilling. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pilling and Mr. and Mrs. C.V. Wayland.

Madeline was involved with Drug Free Youth, Pre-Med Society, National Honor Society and the Indian National Honor Society. She also received the Chickasaw Nation Legislator's Scholarship.

She lettered six times with the Lady Trojan fast-pitch and slow-pitch teams leading her team to their first state championship.

Her future plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman, with long term plans of attending medical school.



Addison Marigh Risbry

Addison Marigh Risbry is a 2012 graduate of Bella Vista High School, Fair Oaks, Calif. She is the daughter of Trevor and Shelly Risbry and sister of Gavin Risbry. She is the granddaughter of JoAnn Lewis, Wilson B. Lewis and Anna Risbry.

Addison participated in varsity field hockey for four years, varsity lacrosse for two years, the National Field Hockey Festival for three years and soccer for two years.

Graduating with a 3.6 grade point average (GPA), she has been accepted to California State University, Chico this fall to their Project M.A.T.H. program. She would like to become a high school math teacher.



Maegin Wells

Maegin Wells is a 2012 graduate of Cityview High School, Wichita Falls, Texas. She is the daughter of Paula Wells.



Ashlyn Tyk

Ashlyn Tyk is a 2012 graduate of Amarillo High School, Amarillo, Texas. She is the daughter of Cheyenne Tyk. She is the granddaughter of John and Glenda Barrett and Darrel and Andrea Crump.

Ashlyn was involved in choir, Ken Club, Key Club and softball. She attended the Amarillo Area Center for Advanced Learning for four years. She has pursued the animal science program. She participated in a mentorship her junior year at the American Quarter Horse Association. She is currently participating in an internship at Yarbrough Veterinary Clinic.

Her plans are to attend college and pursue a career as an animal behaviorist or an equine veterinarian.



Kristina Nicole Atnip



Kristina Nicole Atnip is a 2012 graduate of Dickson High School, Dickson, Okla. She is the daughter of Scott and Michelle Hill and James Atnip. She is the sister of Dustin Atnip. She is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Ann Lathum, the late Kenneth Needham, Pam and Kirk Hallmark and James Atnip.

Kristina has been active as class officer/president for four years, student council representative, Title VII Indian Education student representative and a member of the Spanish club.

Awards and honors include: valedictorian of senior class, Superintendent's Honor Roll for four years, National Honor Society for four years, Oklahoma Indian Honor Society for four years, National Technical Honor Society member, Kiwanis Student of

the Month, Ardmoreite student of the month, Blue Ribbon Scholar, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, Chickasaw Nation spotlight athlete, top student in English, biology, algebra, geometry and history. She was listed in United States Achievement Academy for English, math and science. She also participated on the area first team in slow-pitch softball and was Wendy's Heisman Dickson High School winner.

Community involvement includes: Ardmore Animal Shelter, Ardmore Soup Kitchen and Dickson Learning Zone. Extracurricular activities were fast-pitch softball for four years, slow-pitch softball for four years and basketball for two years.

Her future plans are to attend the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, to major in biology and Parker Chiropractic College to become a chiropractor.

Murri Guy Ann England



Murri Guy Ann England is a 2012 graduate of Norman North High School, Norman, Okla. She is the daughter of Greg and Candi England. She is the granddaughter of William and Amelia Campbell and Larry and Julie England. She is the great-granddaughter of Norman Phaye Orr Duckett and a descendant of Edmund Pickens.

Murri was a 2012 recipient of the Gates Millennium Scholarship Award. She was active in DECA, Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi "Creating Youth Leaders" Chickasaw Leadership Program and the Norman Public Schools Indian Education Program.

She works part-time at Chick-fil-A restaurant, maintains a 3.6 grade point average and scored 30 on the ACT exam. She attended the Chickasaw Entrepreneurship Summer Academy, was a member of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society.

Awards include the University of Denver Daniels Business College Andy and Barbara Taylor Scholarship, Chickasaw Nation Honor Club, Norman Public Schools Honor Roll, DECA Business Club-National Competitive Event Representative, earned trip to Florida through leadership program and Chickasaw Attendance Award.

In addition to babysitting, church activities and cooking classes, Murri is interested in needlework, sewing, antique collecting and animal rescue.

She plans to attend the University of Denver and major in accounting.

Sarah Marie Byrd

Sarah Marie Byrd is a 2012 graduate of Chandler High School, Chandler, Okla. She is the daughter of Sam and Susan Byrd. She is the granddaughter of Polly Bonnet.

Sarah was involved in sports, lettering in both slow and fast pitch softball. She was a varsity cheerleader and very accomplished tumbler.

She maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout junior high and high school. She was a member of the Oklahoma Honor Society, received an award for the voice of democracy and for a veterans of foreign wars essay. She is listed as an outstanding student in the study of fundamentals of business technology, advanced math, Spanish, English and algebra I. She is a member of the anatomy and chemistry clubs.

Sarah was selected the past two years to participate in testing at Seminole State College for the most advanced students in the state. She has participated in the local food bank, relay for life, annual ice cream social and attends church in both Edmond and Davenport. She has a younger brother, Seth, who she tutors in math, and she is assistant coach for his baseball team.

She plans to attend Oklahoma State University to major in math and continue on to medical school.

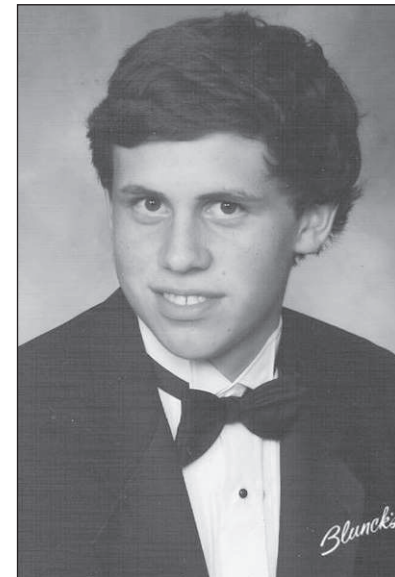


Garrett Norris Nickols

Garrett Norris Nickols is a 2012 graduate of Coppell High School, Coppell, Texas. He is the son of Rusty and Stacie Nickols. He is the grandson of Glenn Norris, Bette Norris and Sam and Sharon Nickols.

Garrett enjoyed math and science classes including anatomy and physics. He was a member of DECA. He works at Camp Bow Wow, which is a day care and boarding facility for dogs.

He plans on pursuing a career as an emergency medical technician and firefighter.



Torn Burris



Torn Burris is a 2012 graduate of Astec Charter High School, Oklahoma City. He is the son of William and Patti Burris. He is the grandson of Lois Graves and the late Sebens Burris.

Torn was active in basketball throughout high school.

He plans to attend Oklahoma City Community College and the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, to pursue a degree in physical and occupational therapy. He is also interested in making prosthetics.

Marisa Jo Graff

Marisa Jo Graff is a 2012 graduate of Mead High School, Spokane, Wash. She is the daughter of Joel and Leah Graff. She is the granddaughter of Tom and Judy Graff and the great-granddaughter of Helen Graff.

Marisa was valedictorian with a 4.0 grade point average (GPA). She has been involved with the National Honor Society, peer tutoring with the high school AVID program and volunteering as a coach for the Spokane Mercury Track Club. She is a three time letter winner in varsity track and field as a thrower. She also holds javelin and discus records with the track club.

She has worked part-time at the Spokane Chiropractic and Sports Injury Clinic for the past two and one-half years.

She plans to attend the Art Institute of California, San Diego and pursue a degree in media arts and animation.



Desiree' Wright

Desiree' Wright is a 2012 graduate of Central High School, Marlow, Okla. She is the daughter of Steve and Tami Wright. She is the granddaughter of William and Sharon James and Jim and WynnAnn Wright.

Desiree' was valedictorian of her senior class and attended Red River Technology Center concurrently since 2010 when she was admitted to the biomedical science program. She completed pre-calculus, human body systems, statistics, physics and Avimark software skills for veterinary medicine and medical interventions and has been admitted the Oklahoma State University, School of Veterinary Medicine, honors program.

She has worked for over two years providing kennel care and veterinary aid and is employed at the Osage Animal Hospital, Duncan.

Volunteer activities include organizing and running the cystic fibrosis fundraiser at Central High School and the CF walk in Lawton for four years; collected and organized boxes of food and basic necessities for Treats for Troops for one year; helped with fund raising activities for Food 4 Kids Foundation for one year; raised money for the Stephens County Humane Society for one year.

Other activities include competing in HOSA events; Altered Youth Group at Bethel Assembly of God; OU CAC High School Leadership Conference; OSU Alumni Leadership Conference; 2011 OSU Leadership Conference; 2012 PLC Conclave and 2011 Girls State.



Madelyn Sue Duty

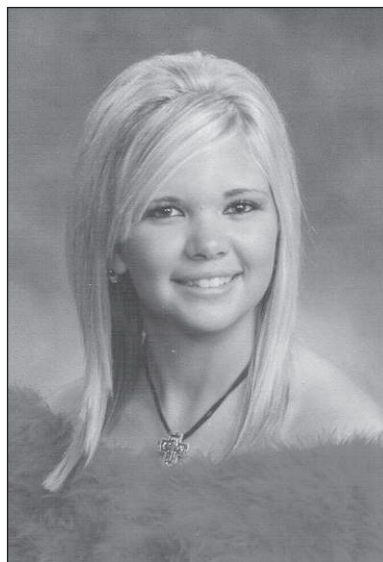


Madelyn Sue Duty is a 2012 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Kathleen Duty and the late David Duty. She is the granddaughter of Betty and the late Richard Duty and Peggy and the late Nelson Bell.

Madelyn was involved in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Future Farmer's of America (FFA). She was named Rotary Student of the Month and has won first place at District Star events two consecutive years. She is an active volunteer at her church nursery.

Her future plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to major in psychology.

Kelsey Cheyenne Greenwood



Kelsey Cheyenne Greenwood is a 2012 graduate of Stratford High School, Stratford, Okla. She is the daughter of Jeff and Summer Greenwood. She is the granddaughter of Ronnie and Joyce Greenwood, Mickey Elliott and Gail Behm.

Kelsey was active in fast-pitch and slow-pitch softball, Future Farmers of America (FFA), 4-H, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), and the Stratford Freewill Baptist youth group and cheer manager.

She plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., to pursue a career as a physical therapy assistant.

Ace'Lee Pittman

Ace'Lee Pittman is a 2012 graduate of Wright City High School, Wright City, Okla. She is the daughter of Blake and Brenda Pittman. She is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Jerry Fennell and Curtis and Nan Pittman.

Ace'Lee was the senior class vice president, valedictorian, reporter of the Wright City Honor Society, vice president of student council and served as captain of the Lady Jay basketball and softball teams.

She enjoys going to the lake, hunting, fishing, playing sports and spending time with her family and friends.

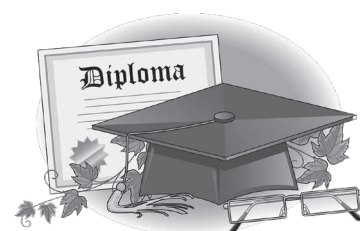
She plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Okla., to pursue a degree as a dental hygienist.



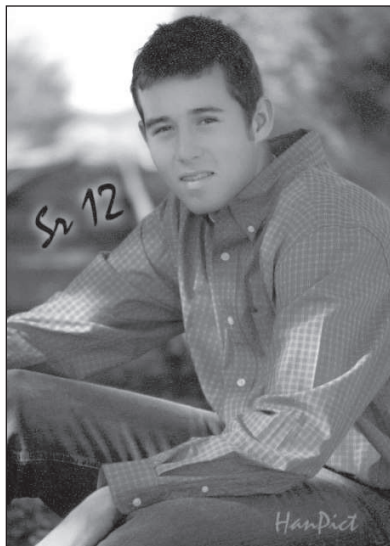
Zachary Brayden Chaney

Zachary Brayden Chaney is a 2012 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Cynthia Mercer and Roy Chaney. He is the grandson of Johnny and Opal Chaney, of Tishomingo, Okla., and Betty J. Factor, of Oriovill, Calif.

Zachary plans to attend a technical training school and work.



Taylor Ryan Dunnigan



Taylor Ryan Dunnigan is a 2012 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Steve and Karen Dunnigan, of Ada. He is the grandson of Freda Pogue and the late Alton (Salty) Pogue and the late James and Paula Dunnigan.

Taylor has been a member of the Latta Baseball team for four years. He was named Chickasaw Outstanding Achievement in 2011 and Rotary Student of the Month for April 2012.

His plans are to attend a vocational-technical school.

BreeAnn Nichole Dodd

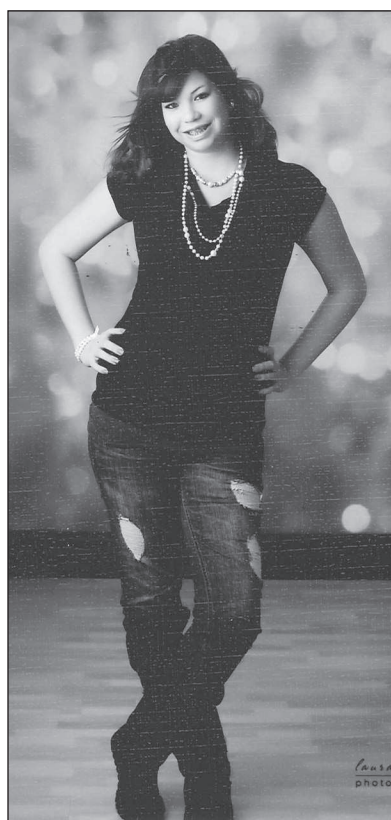


BreeAnn Nichole Dodd is a 2012 graduate of Freedom High School, Woodbridge, Va. She is the daughter of David and Laura Dodd. She is the granddaughter of Maxine Neely, of Milburn, Okla., the late Sonny Neely, the late George (Buster) Dunn, and LaNeta Dodd, of Milburn.

Bree has attended Freedom High School for four years. She is a member of the CENS (Center for Environmental and Natural Sciences) specialty program, an active officer of the National Honor Society, and has participated in volleyball and the swim team. She has received Advanced Placement Scholar recognition and Honor Roll all four years. Bree will be graduating with honors on June 9 at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

She plans to attend the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, in the fall of 2012 to pursue a degree in political science and international relations.

Michaela Ruth Porter



Michaela Ruth Porter is a 2012 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Michelle Smith and Michael Porter. She is the granddaughter of Janie Newby and John Porter.

Michaela plans to attend East Central University, Ada, on a scholarship.

Andrew Scott McNair



Andrew Scott McNair is a 2012 home school graduate. He is the son of Meredith Larsen McNair and Scott McNair. He is the grandson of the late Robert Larsen, Wayne and Walsie McLaughlin, Robbye McNair and the late Royce McNair.

His extracurricular activities include: Moot Court; National Champion, National Moot Court Competition at American University, Model United Nations and Model Arab League, club president, receiving eight consecutive Best Delegate awards; Speech/Debate, Texas State Champion: Impromptu Speaking, two-time regional finalist in Lincoln-Douglas: Debate National Home School Honor Society, chapter president (2012) and secretary/treasurer (2008-2011).

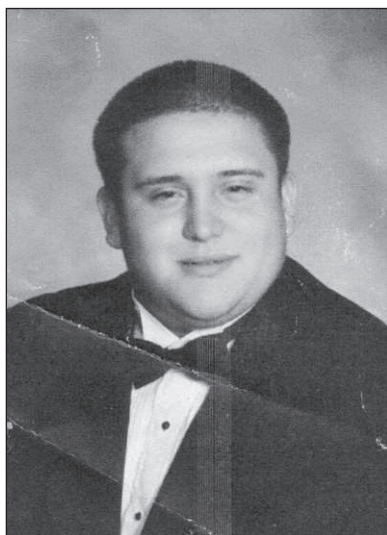
His plans are to attend Marion Military Institute (Fall 2012-Spring 2013) and is a candidate for the United States Military Academy Class of 2017. His intended majors are economics and Arabic.

Kelvin Thurston Dewayne Briscoe

Kelvin Thurston Dewayne Briscoe is a 2012 graduate of Sherman High School, Sherman, Texas. He is the son of Patrick Edmonson and Sharon Walker-Edmonson. He is the grandson of Aaron Clagg and Paula Walker-Carrion and Ken Carrion. He is the great-grandson of Virgil L. Walker and Sarah Jane Walker.

Kelvin will graduate June 2, 2012. He was a defensive player for the football team. He enjoys everything about football, fishing and camping. He works part-time.

His plans are to attend Southeastern Oklahoma University, Durant, or Grayson County College in Sherman.



Jessica Danielle Ryan



Jessica Danielle Ryan is a 2012 graduate of Plainview High School, Ardmore, Okla. She is the daughter of John and Gaylene Ryan. She is the granddaughter of Paul and Madeline Reed, of Denton, Texas and Charles and Frances Ryan, of Ardmore.

Jessica's family congratulates her on her recent artistic awards and achievements.

She plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla.

Morgan Cheyenne Crick

Morgan Cheyenne Crick is a 2012 graduate of Moore High School, Moore, Okla. She is the daughter of Rod and Carmen Crick. She is the granddaughter of Charles and Jolene Craddock.

Choir was Morgan's favorite school activity in her early high school years. During her two years of choir classes she participated in many choir concerts. Her voice range qualified her to sing with sopranos and altos. Morgan is known to be singing all the time. That is due to her excellent memory of every word to every song she likes.

Extracurricular activities and what she loves include being a cowgirl, going to team roping and rodeos and her big black Ford 4x4 pick-up truck. She's always been her daddy's little cowgirl, following him around, doing all the boy stuff. She says that's what makes life fun!

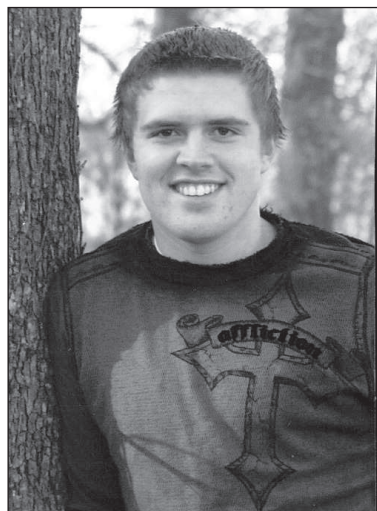
A field trip to the Moore-Norman Technology Center during her sophomore year opened up a whole new world for her. Commitment and desire was in her heart for the automotive service technology plan. Through her two years of shop classes of 95% male students, she still loved it, and she definitely held her own. The guys respected her and knew her future would be in automotive because she was good at what she loved. Sometimes they needed her help and knowledge. Entering a man's field did not stop her or slow her down from being one of the best females in her class. She graduated with 36 college credit hours and the certificate relating to her completion of two years in the automotive service technology plan.

Morgan is successfully starting a future with two graduating ceremonies, one from high school and the other from Moore-Norman Technology Center. She plans to attend Oklahoma City Community College to pursue a degree in automotive service technology.

Morgan always had a love for cars and liked working hard with the big boys. Her first automotive job is going to be at a brand new local car dealership. They were very impressed at her interview and are just waiting for her to be able to work full-time. Ultimately she plans on being an auto service writer at a local dealership. Her saying has never changed, "girls can do what boys do", and when they pull into that dealership one day, they're going to be glad they have Morgan to help get their problems solved!



Brendon James Tucker



Brendon James Tucker is a 2012 graduate of Dickson High School, Dickson, Okla. He is the son of James and Kim Tucker.

Brendon participated in football, basketball and baseball. His extracurricular activities included coaching little league basketball, umpiring little league baseball and adopt a senior.

His future plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to major in architectural engineering.

Rebecca Sue Perry

Rebecca Sue Perry is a 2012 graduate of The Dalles Wahtonka High School, The Dalles, Ore. She is the daughter of Jeff and Lisa Miller and Don and Lori Perry. She is the granddaughter of Nancy and the late Edman Dawkins and Charles and Jane Perry.

Rebecca has been involved in softball and competition dance team since she was five years old. Later she became involved in cheerleading and track. She was a member of the TAG program and volunteered many hours for local non-profit organizations.

Her passion to work with children has led her to a career decision of pediatric nurse. Six weeks after graduation she will leave for the U.S. Navy. There she will begin her medical training as a Navy Corpsman after boot camp. She has chosen this path as a way to serve her country and start her medical training.



Farrin Mariah Oliver



Farrin Mariah Oliver is a 2012 graduate of Thomas S. Wootton High School, Rockville, Md. She is the daughter of Jason M. Oliver, Rachel Johnson-Oliver and Alexandra Seferoglou. She is the granddaughter of Jack D. and Jana M. Oliver, Richard and Nancy Johnson and Darcy and George Seferoglou. She is the sister of Mason and Austin Oliver and the niece of Jeremy D. Oliver.

Farrin has maintained high academic grades throughout high school. She is an avid artist and writer and has participated on her school paper and yearbook committees. Farrin has been an active team member of her high school volleyball and soccer teams.

She is the 2012 artistic achievement awards winner for the Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation art competition

which will be displayed at the Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum.

Her plans are to attend college and earn a degree in fine arts as a graphic design artist.

Amy Lawson Bearman

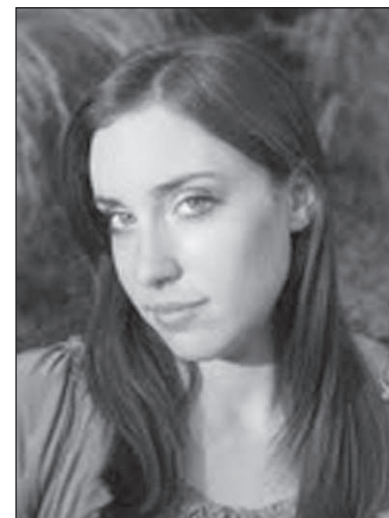
Amy Lawson Bearman is a 2012 graduate of Skyline High School, Sammamish, Wash. She is the daughter of Sharon Lawson and Rob Bearman. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Minnie Julia (Seifried) Walker, a Chickasaw original enrollee.

Amy graduated with an International Baccalaureate Diploma, and is a National Merit scholar. She was a four-year varsity gymnast, team captain, and was named MVP, Most Inspirational, Scholar Athlete, and Athlete of the Week. She is an accomplished pianist, and has won many awards at local competitions and at the Chopin and Romantic Festivals in Seattle. For several years, Amy has worked as a private tutor for middle and high school students. She is a Rotary Scholar, an intern in the California State Senate, a member of the Sammamish Youth Board, and was voted "Most Likely to Become President" by her senior class.

She plans to attend Stanford University to pursue a degree in neuroscience, with the eventual goal of becoming a neurologist.

We are so proud of our Amazing Amy!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jacob



Caitlin R. Stonebarger



Caitlin R. Stonebarger is a 2012 graduate of Durant High School, Durant, Okla. She is the daughter of James and Susan Stonebarger. She is the granddaughter of the late L.T. Stonebarger, the late Virginia Branch and Edgar and Hazel Dilbeck.

Caitlin was a member of STUCO for three years, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) serving as an officer for one year.

She plans to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University and study nursing.

Taylor Watson

Taylor Watson is a 2012 graduate of Kingston High School, Kingston, Okla. She is the daughter of Bud and Terri Henry. She is the granddaughter of Phyllis and Glen Lewis.

Taylor was involved in CAIP, FFA, softball, basketball and Kingston Church of Christ.

She plans to attend Murray State College and pursue a degree in nursing.



Austin Anthony Colbert



Austin Anthony Colbert is a 2012 graduate of Roosevelt High School, Seattle, Wa. He is the son of Martha and Robert C. Colbert. He is the grandson of Richard Elmer Colbert, Margo Cruzan Colbert Rost, John E. Rost, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mihelic.

Austin's achievements and awards include: Student of the Month, Washington Interscholastic Activities Association, class of 2012, Roosevelt High Thespian Society, member of the Latin Club, intramural basketball team championship, member of the ski and snowboarding club, co-starred in award winning DramaFest production of

"Babies".

His extracurricular activities include: Baldwin-Wallace College summer music program; model talent for Omar Vizquel Enterprises and Medic Drug Stores, member of the Lakewood Recreation Swimming Association, volunteer, non-profit Mosaic Community Coffee House; employed (two years) at Dick's Drive-In, which was named in 2012 "the most life changing burger joint in America" by Esquire magazine. At the age of 13, Austin entered the inaugural class of the acclaimed Paul Green School of Rock Music in Cleveland, Ohio. He was lead singer and played bass in productions held at the legendary Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The band he co-founded, Sink Ohio Sink, competed at the prestigious High School Rock Off.

Austin is interested in studying creative writing at Seattle Pacific University or the Bellevue College. He also plans on graduate work with an emphasis on classic American Theatre history.

Micah Hart



Micah Hart is a 2012 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Jeannie Barbour and Nathan Hart. He is the grandson of Barbara Barbour, Barry Straughn and Lawrence and Betty Hart.

Micah is of Chickasaw/Cheyenne descent. He served as an officer in the Latta chapter of DECA. He participated in the Chickasaw Nation's Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi youth leadership program since its inception. He is a member of the Ada Judo Club and competes regularly in licensed matches. He is a very talented writer and videographer. He has completed several public service announcements and documentaries for his school and the Chickasaw Nation.

He plans to attend East Central University as a mass communications major. After completing a degree he hopes to enter the film industry.

Nicholaus Santana Soliz



Nicholaus Santana Soliz is a 2012 graduate of Moore High School, Moore, Okla. He is the son of Mike and Sandra Soliz and the brother of Mariah Soliz. He is the grandson of Ed and Rosemary Soliz and the late Josie Thayer.

Nicholaus was a member of the National Honor Society.

He plans to attend college.

Alexandria D. Knight

Alexandria D. Knight is a 2012 graduate of MacArthur High School, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Tom and Debi Knight. She is the granddaughter of Tom and Donna Knight.

Alexandria was active in Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA), competed in regional competition in medical reading, pharmaceutical studies and hospital rotations, volunteered at Morgan's Wonderland (special needs children), a pharmacy tech trainee, received IV certification, and volunteers at her church.

She has been accepted at Texas Tech University and plans to major in biochemistry. She plans to attend pharmacy school.



Jodi Glover

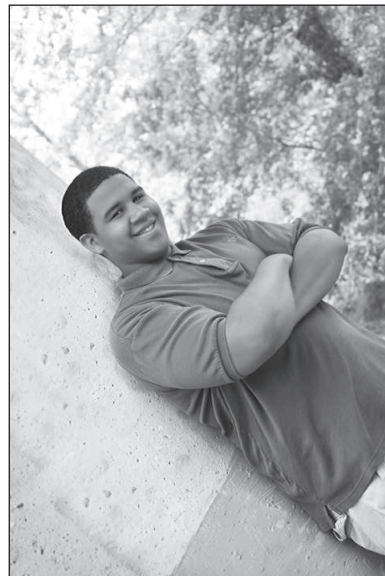


Jodi Glover is a 2012 graduate of Fort Gibson High School, Fort Gibson, Okla. She is the daughter of Derald and Liz Glover. She is the granddaughter of Wilma Goodwin, Vernon Brown and Ellen Green.

Jodi participates in basketball, track and cross country, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Teens for Christ, OIHS, Chickasaw Honor Club and NASA. She was named to the OCA All State Basketball Team and named to the OGBCA All State Basketball Team.

She plans to attend East Central University in Ada, Okla.

Micah S. Tiger



Micah S. Tiger is a 2012 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Sonya Tiger-Brown and Preston Brown. He is the grandson of Delores Stick and the late K. Mike Morris. He is the great-grandson of the late Henry and the late Cordelia Greenwood.

Micah was active in Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), CNN, active for three years on the high school football team and named to the first team defense All District.

Micah is employed at Nichols Dollar Saver and plans to attend college.

Brian Keith Williams

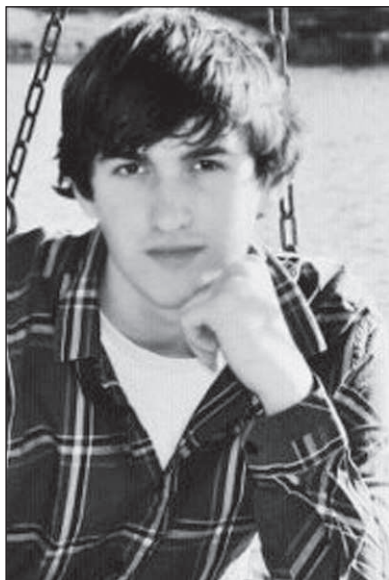
Brian Keith Williams is a 2012 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Keith Williams and Patty Mohundro. He is the grandson of Arkle and Bertie Williams, Bill and Pat Foor and Wendell and Tammy Ellison. He is the great-grandson of Ruby McKinney Cooper.

Brian is a member of Ada High Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), Business Professionals of America (BPA), the science club, and serves as co-editor of year book. He was nominated for All Around Boy Senior Class 2012.

He plans to attend East Central University in fall and continue working at Chickasaw Medical Center and Apple Market.

Congratulations, We are proud of you.

Keith, Patty, Cherokee, Montana, and Christian



Kaylee Brooke Green

Kaylee Brooke Green is a 2012 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, Tyler, Texas. She is the daughter of Jeanine Franklin and Brent Green. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Betty Green, M.L. Tester and Carolyn Barkley. She has two sisters, Amber and Jenny. She has a Great Dane named Maggie and a cat named Daylight.

Brooke was a member of the T.A.R.G.E.T. program which is for gifted children in elementary. She was a member of the National Junior Honors Society and is now a member of the National Honors Society. She has played soccer since age seven in recreational soccer and club and school soccer. She is a member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and recently took honors in welding for a garden bench she made out of metal and wood.

Her plans are to attend Texas Tech to major in engineering/petroleum engineering.

Brooke is very loved by God and her Family and Friends.



Stephen J. Marsh



Stephen J. Marsh is a 2012 graduate of Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School, Calgary Alberta Canada. He is the son of Gary and Cheryl Marsh. He is the grandson of Eugene and Mary Snow, of Purcell, Okla., and Jack and Melba Marsh, of Tecumseh, Okla.

His senior year he played on the varsity basketball team. He earned academic honors in his sophomore, junior and senior years. He has played trumpet for Jazz Band and he currently plays trumpet for both Concert Band and Wind Ensemble Band in school.

In his spare time, he enjoys playing guitar, piano and hanging out with friends. He is active in our church youth group and has volunteered for The Calgary Drop In Center,

cleanup in Fish Creek Provincial Park and other organizations. He is also pursuing a lifeguard certification.

He plans to attend the University of Oklahoma in the fall. His major of choice is geophysics.

Trace Lee Stark



Trace Lee Stark is a 2012 graduate of Seminole High School, Seminole, Okla. Trace's parents are Sara and Allen Stark and Billie Howdeshell. Trace's grandparents are Annette and Lary Grant and Thomas Stark.

Trace plans to go into the military.

Tasheena Miller



Tasheena Miller is a 2012 graduate of Millcreek High School, Millcreek, Okla. She is the daughter of Bobby and Cynthia Miller. She is the granddaughter of the late Charles and Doris Brown, Marie Miller and the late Benjamin Miller.

Tasheena's school activities included wood working and art. For the last six years she has won either first or second place in the Chickasaw Nation creative writing contest.

She is very interested in working for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities. She loves photography and would like to teach the Chickasaw language to other Chickasaw youth.

Dakota Wayne Stanglin

Dakota Wayne Stanglin is a 2012 graduate of Achille High School, Achille, Okla. He is the son of Gary and Lora Stanglin, of Hendrix, Okla. He is the brother to Madison Stanglin. He is the grandson of Ronald and Patricia Stanglin and Phillis Blankenship.

Dakota has been active in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and a member of the academic team. He has been a member of the National Honor Society and student council.

His plans are to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla.

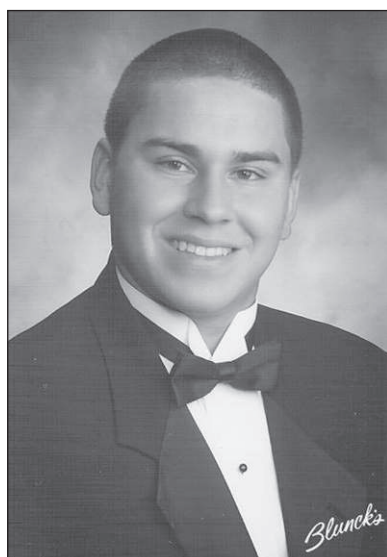


Johnathon Loera

Johnathon Loera is a 2012 graduate of MacArthur High School, Lawton, Okla. He is the son of Dr. Larry and Kimi Chambers. He is the grandson of Richard and Cheryl Taliaferro.

Johnathon was involved in varsity football for four years, varsity track for three years with three state championship appearances.

He plans to attend the University of Oklahoma Honors College and study political science, history and theology followed by law school.



Veronica Jane Walker



Veronica Jane Walker is a 2012 graduate of Sherman High School, Sherman, Texas. She is the daughter of Jack and Teresa Walker. She is the granddaughter of the late Virgil Lee and Sarah Jane Walker.

Veronica was involved with softball for two years. She volunteered with the Salvation Army handing out gifts for Christmas.

She plans to attend Grayson County College for collision repair then move forward to obtain her A.S.E. in auto mechanics.

Veronica is a good person and a good role model for her little brother.

We are very proud of her!

Love Mom and Dad

Samantha Dianne Brown



Samantha Dianne Brown is a 2012 graduate of Lamar High School, Arlington, Texas. She is the daughter of Kimberly D. Brown. She is the granddaughter of JoAnne Murrell Johns and descendent of original enrollee Mary Frances Love-Stewart.

Samantha was involved in track, dance, ballet, school newspaper, University Interscholastic League (UIL), art and she attended the 2011 Chickasaw Entrepreneurial Camp.

She plans to attend Tarrant (TX) County College to pursue a nursing degree.

Kennedy Frazier



Kennedy Frazier is a 2012 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. Her guardian/grandmother is Sharon Frazier.

Kennedy has been active in Tishomingo's school band, The Pride of Little Dixie, for eight years, has been on the honor roll for three years, participated in track and field for two years, and is currently a member of the Spanish club. When she's not at school or practicing with the band, Kennedy spends her extra time working at the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls club in Tishomingo, where she mentors and assists students after school.

Kennedy has been accepted into St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, Okla., where she plans to major in business.

Britini Nicole Jahanbin

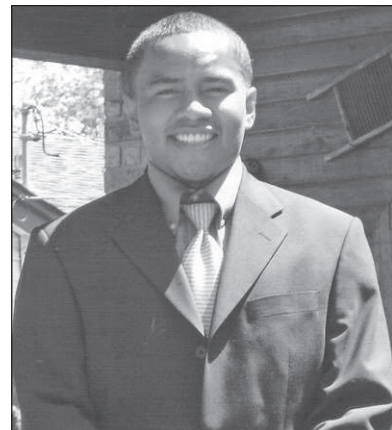


Britini Nicole Jahanbin is a 2012 graduate of Life High School, Red Oak, Texas. Her guardians/grandparents are Colette and David Shelley.

Britini participated in track for three years, volleyball and power lifting for one year and cheerleading for two years. She was involved in an one-act play as a flunky where she won district and third in regional. She is very involved in church, working with kids, worship team, fine arts, drama, singing, human video, home groups and making friends. Her senior year she won home coming queen and was also on the senior committee to help the 2012 seniors get closer to a real senior atmosphere.

One of her favorite activities is eating, eating, eating! She hates fish!

Adrian Ahtone



Adrian Ahtone is a 2012 graduate of Anadarko High School, Anadarko, Okla. He is the son of Tahda Ahtone and his guardian is Diane Goombi. He is the grandson of Mary Ahtone, the late William Goombi and Diane Goombi.

Adrian has been active in sports throughout school, mostly in football and power lifting. In 2011 Anadarko went to state and won for the first time in history. Adrian has also won first in nationals power lifting and second in state this year.

He plans to attend Oklahoma State University to pursue a degree in athletic training.

Jacob Burns

Jacob Burns is a 2012 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. He is the son of Mike and Jessie Burns. He is the grandson of Robert and Charlene Burns.

Jacob has been involved in golf, AVID program and he attended biotechnology class at Southern Oklahoma Technology Center.

He plans to attend Oklahoma State University to pursue a degree in agricultural engineering. Jacob Burns is a 2012 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. He is the son of Mike and Jessie Burns. He is the grandson of Robert and Charlene Burns.

Jacob has been involved in golf, AVID program and he attended biotechnology class at Southern Oklahoma Technology Center.

He plans to attend Oklahoma State University to pursue a degree in agricultural engineering.



Chandler Baylee Arterberry

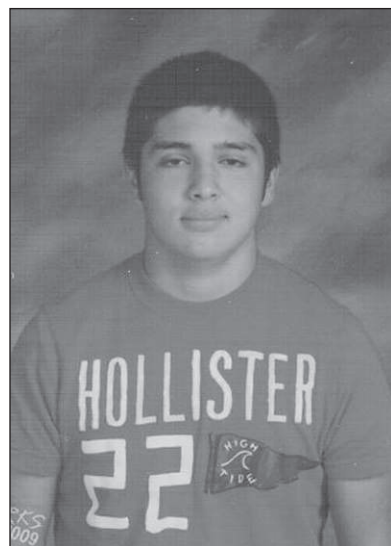
Chandler Baylee Arterberry is a 2012 graduate of Madill High School, Madill, Okla. She is the daughter of Jerry and Deborah Ann Arterberry. She is the granddaughter of Deborah Jester and the late Holland Jester and H. Leo and Adela Austin. She is the sister of Paxton Arterberry.

Chandler was a member of the National Honor Society, served as senior class president and president of the student council. She was very active as an athletic trainer for the football and wrestling teams for four years. She was elected wrestling queen for 2012, voted Miss MHS and lettered two years in fast pitch softball. She was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), FBC youth group, gifted and talented, Native American Club, Chickasaw Nation Honor Club and is a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation.

She plans to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., and Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, to pursue a degree in physical therapy.



Atticus Dellinger



Atticus Dellinger is a 2012 graduate of Morris High School, Morris, Okla. He is the son of Kevin and Lisa Dellinger. He is the grandson of Glenda Burris and Ron and Linda Dellinger.

Atticus played third base and pitched for the Morris Eagles. He was a member of Green Country Business Professional of America (BPA).

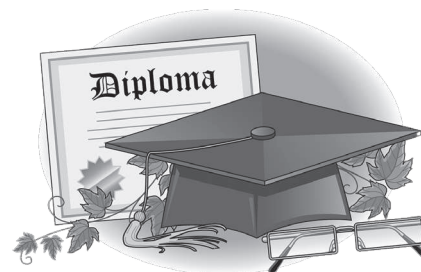
He plans to attend Oklahoma City University to pursue a degree in biochemical medicine. He hopes to become a doctor.

Rachel Lindsay

Rachel Lindsay is a 2012 graduate of Carl Albert High School, Midwest City, Okla. She is the daughter of Keith and Lynn Lindsay. She is the granddaughter of Carol and Delmas Ford, Oklahoma City and Edsel and Dolores Vorreiter, Bay Minette, Ala.

Rachel is a four-year letterman for the Carl Albert High School soccer team. She is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and the National Honor Society and currently maintains a 3.8 grade point average (GPA). Rachel has been a member of the Nicoma Park Baptist Church youth choir for the past 4 years and will be going on her final mission trip in May.

She has played soccer since she was 4 years old and has made her decision not to play in college but rather concentrate on her studies at the University of Oklahoma in the fall.



Andrea Nicole Tedore



Andrea Nicole Tedore is a 2012 graduate of Hardaway High School, Columbus, Ga. She is the daughter of Anthony and Lori Tedore. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Alicia Johnson and great-granddaughter of Beatrice Barrick.

Andrea was a member of the National Honor Society, editor in chief of Talon Literary Magazine and recognized by the United States Achievement Academy as a student of excellence in language arts. She was an active Relay for Life participant. She graduated in the top five percent of her class with a 4.0 grade point average.

Melissa Maxine Townsend



Melissa Maxine Townsend is a 2012 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Trent and Jackie Townsend. She is the granddaughter of Sally Cleaver and Eleanor Lent. She is the great-great-granddaughter of original Chickasaw enrollee Lilly Sharpe of 12 Mile Prairie, Durant, Okla.

Since sixth grade Melissa was active in choir.

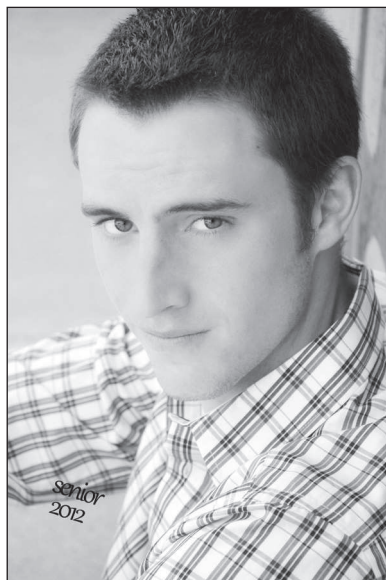
She is planning to attend East Central University.

Casey Joe Clark

Casey Joe Clark is a 2012 graduate of Deer Creek High School, Edmond, Okla. He is the son of Pamela Brown and Jason Clark. He is the grandson of Montgomery and Norma Clark.

Casey will graduate with a 3.5 grade point average (GPA). He has attended the Deer Creek School System from first through 12th grade. He loves to play intramural basketball and stays busy with his job at Target, where he is one of the produce managers, school and church. He has worked at Target for over a year and works very hard at maintaining his studies and his job. He loves to hunt and fish.

His plans are to attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University to major in recreational management/criminal justice with a minor in biology. He plans to become a FBI agent or use his degree to help him stay in a field that will allow him to hunt and fish as in the parks and management area.



Thomas Vito Coletto



Thomas Vito Coletto is a 2012 graduate of Arizona State University earning a bachelor of arts degree in political science with a minor in Romanian studies.

Samantha Paige Tippen

Samantha Paige Tippen is a 2012 graduate of the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas. She is the daughter of Scott and Melissa Tippen, of Belton. She is the granddaughter of the Rev. Ernest and Terry Thompson and R.D. and Betty Tippen, of Troy.

Samantha is a member of the American Academy of Forensic Science, Golden Key International, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Lambda Alpha, UNT Honors College and UNT Forensic Science Program. She was the recipient of the W.N. Masters Chemistry Award her junior year of college and is the co-recipient of the UNT Senior Chemistry Award for 2012.

She received a Bachelor of Science in chemistry with a forensic science emphasis and criminalistics certificate and a minor in biology. She also received a Bachelor of Arts in anthropology with a minor in psychology. She graduated from the UNT Honors College with an honors certificate and achieved the rank of magna cum laude.

Her plans are to pursue a master's degree in forensic science at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas in the fall of 2012 and a Ph.D. in forensic anthropology.



Travis Paul Wilmer



Travis Paul Wilmer is a 2012 graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., earning a bachelor of science degree with a major in chemical engineering.

He is the son of Paul and Leslie Wilmer, of Round Rock, Texas. He is the grandson of Leland and Karen Brumley, of Houston. He is the great-grandson of Gabrel and Lucy Brown, Lizzie Brown Petigrew, Sallie Carney Ford, Arch McCannon Petigrew and Willie Maggie Ford Brumley, all original enrollees.

Travis was a member of the varsity football team and the MIT engineers throughout his college career.

Thank you to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education for all the support you have provided throughout his collegiate career.

Pride in Homeownership 2011 Yard Contest winners

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development sponsors the Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest each spring. This contest runs from May through August and is open to current participants of the Homeownership/Mutual Help housing program.

Two winners are selected each month from Pontotoc District, Pickens District and Panola/Tishomingo District for the Legislator Award of a free month's rent. These six winners then advance to compete for the Lt. Governor's Award of a \$50 Wal-mart gift card. Each Lt. Governor's Award winner (four in all) is then eligible for the Governor's Award of a \$250 Wal-mart gift card. This selection is made around October.

You may submit your yard by completing an entry form or by phone at (580) 421-8800. A Housing Representative will be sent to photograph your yard.

Good Luck!



May 2011 Lt. Governor's Award Winner and May 2011 winner
Phyllis Carroll - Pickens District



May 2011 winner
Bobbie Atteberry - Panola/Tishomingo District



May 2011 winner
Carlissa Akerman - Pontotoc District



2011 Governor's Award Winner; July 2011 Lt. Governor's Award Winner; and July 2011 winner
Courtney Cook Alexander - Pontotoc District



June 2011 Lt. Governor's Award Winner and June 2011 winner
Tyrone Newton - Pickens District



August 2011 Lt. Governor's Award Winner and August 2011 winner
Timothy Deatherage - Pontotoc District



May 2011 winner
Jodi Holt - Panola/Tishomingo District



May 2011 winner
Monica Pickett - Pickens District



May 2011 winner
Amber Howard - Pontotoc District



June 2011 winner
Anthony Enriquez - Pontotoc District

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June 2011 winner
Jonetta Whitworth - Pontotoc District



June 2011 winner
Joe D. Beshirs - Panola/Tishomingo District



June 2011 winner
Kathy Eagle - Panola/Tishomingo District



June 2011 winner
Barbara Taylor - Pickens District



July 2011 winner
Jeri Johnson - Pickens District



July 2011 winner
Colt Digby - Pickens District



July 2011 winner
Jodi Curry - Panola/Tishomingo District



July 2011 winner
Debra King - Paola/Tishomingo District



July 2011 winner
Sandra Stanton - Pontotoc District



August 2011 winner
Tanya Anthony - Pickens District



August 2011 winner
Gregory Shae Whortham - Pickens District



August 2011 winner
Craig Billings - Panola/Tishomingo District



At left: August 2011 winner
Travis Fryrear - Pontotoc District

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA

ACHILLE
Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

CONNERVILLE

Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON

Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Billy Hester, 405-340-5469

PURCELL

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Carolee Maxwell, 405-527-7676

TISHOMINGO

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

ARIZONA

Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA

Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Bi-Monthly
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219

LOUISIANA

Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

MISSOURI

St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW ENGLAND

New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Chris Rodke, 505-450-4802

NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

OREGON/WASHINGTON

Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Charles Holland, 512-341-0024

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Mark Fields, 210-269-2619

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Chickasaw Nation Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
March 16, 2012

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz
Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel
Guests present: Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Mike Watson, Jeff O'Dell, Michael L. Wingo, Dana Lance

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - February 17, 2012
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the minutes.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz
13 yes votes
The motion to approve the minutes of February 17, 2012, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
(A) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT
by Committee Chair Dean McManus
General Resolution Number 29-017, Application for Grants under the U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation
This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's grant application for the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation from the United States Department of Justice. The grant solicitation combines all Department of Justice grants into one coordinated application. The requested funds will be utilized to address six areas including Community Oriented Policing (COPS), Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (TSASP), Tribal Governments Program (TGP), Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (CJAPIC), Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance Program (CTVAP) and Tribal Youth Program (TYP).
The COPS grant will enhance law enforcement by funding new patrol vehicles, new equipment, a replacement dive boat and equipment and training for law enforcement officers; the TSASP grant will serve sexual assault victims by funding a nurse to coordinate the sexual assault nurse exam (SANE) program; the TGP grant will address victimization needs by continued funding of sexual assault services including transportation and transitional housing for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking; the CJAPIC grant will address child abuse by funding a position to provide direct services to victims of child abuse and their families; the CTVAP grant will address victimization by funding an advocacy program for all victims of crime and their families; and the TYP grant will focus on preventing delinquency by engaging at-risk tribal youth in activities centered on cultural preservation and minimizing risk factors associated with delinquency. The grant proposal is not to exceed \$3,365,000 during the three (3) year grant

cycle.
A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR29-017.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz
13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR29-017 carried unanimously.
Ms. McManus concluded her report.
(B) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
by Committee Chair Linda Briggs
General Resolution Number 29-018, Approval of Recreational Lease in McCurtain County
Wade Batchelor has proposed a Recreational Lease on property owned USA in Trust for The Choctaw & Chickasaw Nations (Tract #1108), containing 545.83 acres, more or less, and the proposed recreational Lease shall be for a term of three (3) years and was set to begin on February 1, 2011 and expire January 31, 2014. The offer of payment is \$3,842.00 per year, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$960.50 per year. In addition to the lease, Mr. Batchelor has agreed to not sublease this property; to adhere to all fish and game regulations as set forth by the Oklahoma Fish and Game Department; and that the Choctaw Nation Forestry program may schedule projects for this property. This lease has been approved by the Choctaw Nation in Council Bill CB-84-11. The property is located at the southeast corner of McCurtain County at the Red River.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR29-018.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David

Woerz
13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR29-018 carried unanimously.
General Resolution Number 29-019, Authorization for Right of Entry In Love County
This resolution authorizes the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) to enter the property known as the Winstar tract to begin surveying the property, relocating utilities, and other construction activities necessary for completion of the interchange project at Rogers Road and Interstate 35 in Love County, Oklahoma. This property is a held U.S.A. in trust for the Chickasaw Nation. The location is the northwest corner of Winstar property, Love County, Oklahoma.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR29-019.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz
13 yes votes
The motion to approve GR29-019 carried unanimously.
Ms. Briggs concluded her report.
AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)
Mr. Mike Watson commented on assisting citizens with the rising cost of gasoline and food and on the election procedures.
AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:15 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Dean McManus, Secretary Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

2010-2011 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Daisy Hawley Blackbird



Daisy Hawley Blackbird, 109, died April 12, 2012. Funeral services were April 18, 2012, at First Christian Church, Oklahoma City. Interment was at Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma City.

She was born January 18, 1903 to the late Elizabeth Colley Hawley and Arthur Edwin Hawley on a farm near Tupelo, Indian Territory, called Byrd's Prairie.

She is believed to have been the oldest Chickasaw enrollee in Oklahoma. The Dawes Commission gave her 160 acres since she was born before 1907.

She was the second oldest of 11 siblings. She had three brothers; Roy, Fred, and Ralph Hawley; and seven sisters, Lydia Hawley, Nell Crosby, Bess Kroutil, Emily Starnes, Betty Lee Gibson and Wanda Montgomery. All are deceased except her youngest sister, Wanda Montgomery, of the home.

The family later moved to Tupelo, Okla., where she graduated from Tupelo High School. She and her sister moved to Kansas City to attend Kansas City University, where she received a teaching certificate, and returned to Coalgate, Okla., to teach school.

She and her sister moved to Alaska for a short time and then to Oklahoma City, where she went to work at the State Capitol as payroll clerk for the Oklahoma Supreme Court judges. It was there she met and married Judge William H. Blackbird, enjoying 25 years of marriage before his death in 1976.

She was always proud of her Chickasaw Heritage. Her portrait by Mike Larson hangs in the Chickasaw Cultural Center at Sulphur, Okla. She was fea-

tured in the book titled "Salt of the Earth." She has received many awards of congratulatory and citations from the Chickasaw Nation Governor and the Oklahoma State Legislature. She has been grateful for all the contributions from the Chickasaw Nation. Mrs. Blackbird had been a resident of Oklahoma City for over 50 years and a member of First Christian Church Oklahoma City since 1949. Unable to attend in her later years, the ministry and Christian friends have kept in touch with her. She was a loving and warm-hearted person, who touched the lives of all those she encountered in this long life.

Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews and friends who will cherish her memories.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, Professional Home Care, Inc. and all who provided assistance and comfort to her life in the last years.

Memorials may be directed to the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum, 900 N Broadway, Ste 200, OKC 73102.

Thurl Eugene Harris



Thurl Eugene Harris, 68, of Moore, Okla., died April 4, 2012 at his home. Services were April 7 at Moore Baptist Church with Brother Kevin Clarkson officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Park.

He was born October 4, 1943 to Willard Franklin and Leona Francis (Fore) Harris at Oklahoma City.

Mr. Harris was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving for 13 months in Vietnam. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma and attended Southwestern Theological Seminary receiving a master of Divinity degree.

He served as pastor of Irving Baptist Church in Ryan, Okla., Rexroat Baptist Church in Wilson, Okla., and Sharon Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. He was director of the Baptist Student Union at Murray State College in Tishomingo, Okla., and a staff member at the OU Baptist Student Union and started the Baptist Student Union at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

He worked for the U.S. Postal Service retiring after 21 years of service.

He loved the Lord and followed Him with all of his heart.

He was preceded in death by two sons, David and Christopher Harris; his parents; and two sisters, Mary Davis and Lou Coony.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, of the home; a son, Thurl Harris, Jr.; a daughter, Connie Stewart; five grandchildren, Karmeshala, LaKesha, Paige, Aaliyah, and Kobe; a sister, Vicky Harris; and a brother, James Harris.

Evelyn Gale



Evelyn Gale, 88, of Mill Creek, Okla., died April 15, 2012 at her home. Services were April 19, at Brown's Funeral Service Chapel with Rev. Keith Taylor officiating. Interment was at Highland Cemetery.

She was born November 2, 1923 to Clifford C. and Amanda Samantha (Harris) Clark at Mill Creek. She was the great-great-granddaughter of first Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, Cyrus Harris.

She attended school at Mill Creek. She married J.E. Gale. While living in Sulphur, Okla., she worked as a supervisor of house parents for the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. She moved to Durant from Sulphur in 1989.

She was of the Baptist faith.

She loved working in her yard and sitting on her porch enjoying her garden. She at-

tended every sport event and activities she could for her kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her husband, November 15, 1996; parents; and a grandson, Daniel Mitchell.

She is survived by her sons, Melvin Mitchell and wife, Joyce, of Lewisville, Texas, Clark Mitchell and wife, Roberta, of Duncan, Okla., and Johnny Gale, of Durant; daughters, Sharon Lafitte and Joni Horn and husband, Dennis, both of Durant; grandchildren Lori Brady, Aaron Horn, Michelle, Danielle, and Matt Mitchell, and Tyler Gale; great-grandchildren, Camron, Connor, Riley Horn, Claire, McCrae, Riley Wiest, Morgan, Mitchell, Kyle, Kassie and Konner; and a brother, Milton Clark, of Durant; and many other relatives.

Pallbearers were Clark Mitchell, Johnny Gale, Dennis Horn, Matt Brady, Scott Clark, and Aaron Horn. Honorary pallbearer was Tuffy Mitchell.

Condolences can be sent to www.brownsfuneralservice.com

William "Bud" Francis Green



William "Bud" Francis Green, 77, of Nicoma Park, died March 26, 2012. Services were March 30, at Douglas Blvd. United Methodist Church. Interment followed at Elmwood Cemetery, Choctaw, Okla.

He was born November 3, 1934 to John Green and Lorene (Powell) at Cushing, Okla.

He attended Hillside Grade School and graduated from Cushing (OK) High School in 1953. Bud went to work for Boe-

ing Company in Wichita, Kan., shortly after graduation. He was named Woodman of the World in 1967 for his wood-working talents. In 1961, he started a career with Western Electric and retired in 1976. In 1978 he opened his own hardware store in Harrah, Okla., and moved it to Nicoma Park in 1984. He decided to liquidate his business in 1988. September of 1991 he was working part time at The Education and Employment Ministry as well as part time for TEEM.

He served on Nicoma Park City Council for two years. In September 2001, he was elected Nicoma Park Mayor and served 2 terms. He received leadership awards from Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce, and a 20 year public service award for Nicoma Park Chamber of Commerce for his hard work and dedication.

Most of all he enjoyed his family, friends, playing dominos, trapping gophers (He was well known as "The Gopher Getter"), archery, photography, teaching dancing, as well as dancing and singing in the choir. He had an arm in fast pitch baseball that amazed anyone and everyone.

He was preceded in death by a son Larry Green; parents John and Lorene (Powell) Green; a brother John Green; great-granddaughter Kyndra Gibson; and in-laws Woodrow and Kevia Wright.

He is survived by his high school sweetheart and dedicated wife of 57 years, Gerrie Green, of the home; a daughter Janet Hubbs and husband, Brad, of Nicoma Park; a daughter-in-law, Diana Gail Green, of Choctaw; four siblings, James Green and wife, Ester, of Wichita, Kan., Marjorie Testerman, of Cushing, Richard Green and wife, LaVetta, of Cushing, and Virginia Green, of Indiana; sisters-in-law, Patsy Morvant and husband Jim, of Louisiana, Dormae Gullet and husband Lloyd, of Cushing; brother-in-law, "Shorty" Wright, of Cushing; six grandchildren, Kelly Joe Green, Kristal Pritchard, Jennifer Phillips, Jamie Jensen, Ana Hubbs, and Ariel Hubbs; 10 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

The family would like to send a special thank you to Quality Care Hospice, City of Nicoma Park, and Douglas Blvd. United Methodist Church.

Ramona Gail Morrissey

Ramona Gail Morrissey, 55, of Calera, Okla., died March 21, 2012 at the Texas Medical Center, Denison.

She was born August 28, 1956 to Robert Alton and Lula Mae (Bourland) Morrissey at Altus, Okla.

She was a loving and compassionate person. Her chosen profession was nursing and she committed herself to it for over 30 years. She enjoyed the simple things and would crochet while listening to music. She liked spending time outside with her pet, Manning. She loved beautiful things such as Tiffany lamps she collected.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Lula Mae Morrissey; brothers, Ray and Richard Morrissey; grandparents, Bill and Vivian Bourland and Estelle and Joe Kelly; and great-grandmother, Lula Bourland (Chickasaw).

She is survived by her sister, Lynn Bolay and husband, Sid, of Edmond, Okla.; a brother, Bert Morrissey, of Midwest City, Okla.; partner, Charlsye Davis, of Calera; children, Casey Davis, of Denison and Chris Davis and wife, Lisa, of Talahina, Okla.; grandchildren, Kaci, Colby, Makinlee, Shala, Brook, Hunter and Hayden; nephews, Thomas and Blake Bolay; aunts and uncles, Frank and Mary Bourland, of Texas, Catherine and Dwayne Stephens, of Oklahoma City and Ada O'Donnel, of Rhode Island.

A gathering was March 27 at Ford Funeral Home's family room.

Family and friends may send and view condolences at www.fordfuneral.com

Eddie Lee Williams

Eddie Lee Williams, 60, died February 6, 2012 at Oklahoma City. Services were February 8 at the Green Hill Cemetery, Davis, Okla., with Pastor Luke Panter officiating.

Mr. Williams was born August 1, 1951 at Sulphur, Okla., to Clay William and Sadie R. (Payne) Williams.

He married Donna Primrose June 6, 1970 at Davis.

He attended Davis High

School. He recently retired from FarmRail/GrainBelt Railway Company, Clinton, Okla. In his spare time he enjoyed reading, metal detecting, hunting and fishing. Of all the enjoyments in life, his most favorite was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He was a baptized member of the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clay; and a sister, Donna Mills.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; a daughter, Kim Hensley and husband, Derek, of Harrah, Okla.; a son, Jimson C. Williams, of Lawton, Okla.; mother, Sadie Williams, of Oklahoma City; two grandchildren, Seth Hensley and Dezmond Hamilton; two step-grandchildren, Samantha and Patrick Hensley; four brothers, Michael Williams, of Sulphur, Tommy Williams and wife, Marilyn, of Mustang, Okla., Benny Williams, of Davis and Lynn Williams and wife Vicki, of Hinton, Okla.; a sister, Yvonna Farrell and husband, David, of Norman, Okla.; mother-in-law, Fern Primrose, of Davis; sisters-in-law, Linda Pittman and husband, David, of Sulphur and Shelly Rogers and husband, Mark, of Davis; brother-in-law, J.D. Primrose; and numerous anunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Serving as honorary bearers were J.D. Primrose, David Pittman, Derek Hensley, Craig Wolfe and Mark Rogers.

Thomas Harold "Tom" Young

Thomas Harold Young, 81, of Longview, Texas, died peacefully March 18, 2012 at his home surrounded by his wife, three daughters and other family and friends. A celebration of his life was March 25 at Canterbury Inn, Longview.

He was born at Farmersville, Calif., and educated in the public school system of California graduating from Exeter Union High School with the class of 1948.

Mr. Young was a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation with documented heritage of ancestors dating back to survivors of The Trail of Tears relocation to the Indian Territory, now known as Oklahoma.

In his youth, he and his

younger brother, Jerry, raised pigeons for food, racing and as Boy Scout of American projects. When not teaching swimming or working as a life guard at the community pool, he became a Boy Scout troop leader and achieved his Eagle Scout rank and Order of the Arrow before graduating from high school.

He and his new bride, Ruth, migrated to Southern Humboldt County in Northern California. He worked as a gas station attendant and store clerk before settling into the job as a bread and pastry salesman and delivery driver for the next 37 years, becoming known as "Tommy the Breadman" and retiring in 1992.

Mr. Young served as an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church and later served on the council boards of the Eureka Methodist Church in California and later the Church of the Nazarene in Kalama, Wash., where he sang in the choir. He had a great faith. Among his most notable and longest lasting lay ministries was to become a driver and co-host along with his wife for the Eureka Seaman's Center, a multi-faith sponsored recreational facility for visiting non-military sailors and ship merchants. The friendships forged with many of these officers and select crew members inspired him to learn conversational Mandarin when he was 45 years old.

In 1976, the Youngs' traveled to Taiwan, Hong Kong and the Philippines. They revisited these locations in 1982 in addition to Mainland China. They used their garage as a storage depot for clothing, discarded text books, empty prescription bottles and bedding to send to the Philippines for the orphaned infant home their friends founded. He also garnered donations for Heifer Project International over many years.

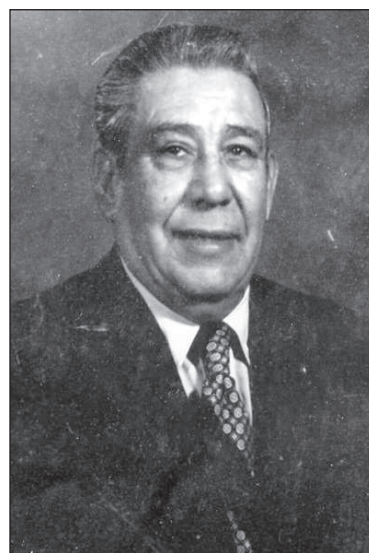
He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Young.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ruth Jean Young, of the home; a brother, Jerry Young, of Lake San Marcos, Calif.; a special sister-in-law, Barbara Mardesich, of Cupertino, Calif.; three daughters, Jan Baker and husband, Ivan, of Kalama, Joan Barber, of Kalama and Lori Hobbs and husband, John, of Forest Grove, Ore.; six grandchildren, Kristi and Stacy Moore, Casey and

Angela Baker, Hannah Jo and Mark Lindsey, Brendan and Katy Hobbs, Cami Hobbs and Erin Barber; seven great-grandchildren, Ruth Baker, Ruby Moore, Bea, Harold and George Baker and Annabelle Lindsey, all whom he counted as his true wealth in life.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Home Health & Hospice or the Kalama Church of the Nazarene.

George Washington Carter Jr.



George Washington Carter Jr., 90, died April 20, 2012 at the Lawton, Ft. Sill Veteran's Center. Services were April 24 at the Callaway-Smith-Cobb Funeral Home, with Rev. Joey Lansdale officiating. Burial followed at Marlow Cemetery.

Mr. Carter was born August 30, 1921 at Marlow, to George W. Carter and Lucy (Gibson) Carter. He lived in Marlow most of his life but spent 20 years in California.

He married Jeri Parker September 4, 1940 at Atoka, Okla., and later that year began his service in the U.S. Army at the age of 19.

He served in WWII and Korea. During his career in the military, his service included:

sergeant with the First Infantry Division in World War II; the Combat Infantry Badge; the Distinguished Unit Badge, American; also the Defense Ribbon, with two bronze stars and one arrowhead. During the Korean War he received a Combat Infantry Badge; a Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, and the Purple Heart. After being wounded in the Korean War, he returned to Fort Sill and trained army recruits. He was always very interested in war history and kept up with the men he served with. He was an iron worker and was a member of the Ironworkers Union in Los Angeles.

Mr. Carter enjoyed playing card games and loving his family and family visits. When it was time for his family to leave, his favorite saying was "what's your hurry?"

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Opaletta Williamson, Eula Pearl Carter-Scott, and Jewel Arnetta Brooks; and nieces and nephews, LaRue Armstrong, Daniel Williamson, Jacque Lightner, Carter Scott and Trent Brooks.

He is survived by a daughter, Beverly Yvette Carter, of Marlow; two granddaughters, Cathy Martel, of Marlow and Leslie Martel Harkenrider, of Orange, Calif.; three great-grandchildren, Ava Harkenrider, Emily Ross, and Randall Champagne; a great-great grandson, Tyler Champagne; nieces and nephews, Bob Williamson, Wanda Kiser, Leta Hazen, Arthur Williamson, Louise Thompson, Bill Scott and Joe Carter Brooks

Pallbearers were Art Williamson, Mike Lightner, Kee-lyn Williamson, Marvin "Butch" Williamson, Greg Savage, Lonnie Ezell.

Online condolences may be made to www.callaway-smith-cobb.com

Note of Thanks

To the Chickasaw Nation,

We would like to thank Governor Bill Anoatubby & the Chickasaw Nation Legislator Mary Jo Green for participating in the funeral of our loved one, Daisy Hawley Blackbird. Your kindness, thoughtfulness and beautiful flowers were deeply appreciated by her family. We are blessed to have family members and friends who showed their comfort and love during this time of sorrow.

The Daisy Hawley Blackbird Family

APRIL 2012 RESOLUTIONS

**General Resolution Number 29-020
Right-of-Way Easement in Love County**

Explanation: The Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma has presented an application for a Right-of-Way to acquire additional property for road improvements for controlled access at Rogers Road located in the NE/4 of Section 19, T9S, R2E, Love County, Oklahoma, containing 1.28 acres, more or less. This right-of-way is to improve traffic flow at the Winstar Casino site and waives any costs of damages ordinarily associated with such an easement.

Property Location: Winstar Casino, Love County, Oklahoma

Use: Right-of-Way Easement to Oklahoma Department of Transportation

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Absent: Scott Colbert, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 29-021**Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County**

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Sulphur, Murray County Oklahoma, described as:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 157, in the City of Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, Less 50 feet by 125 feet in the NW corner of Lot 2, previously conveyed, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Property Location: 15 West Marrietta Street, Sulphur, Oklahoma

Use: Addition to Artesian Site property

Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 29-022**Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Garvin County**

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Pauls Valley, Garvin County Oklahoma, described as:

All of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Block 2, Arrowhead Subdivision, Garvin County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof. Containing 2.13 acres, more or less.

Property Location: 101 Arrowhead Drive, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma

Use: Residential treatment center

Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 29-023**Amendments to General Resolution 19-020**

Explanation: The Chickasaw Nation previously acquired a certain tract of land in Murray County, Oklahoma, pursuant to General Resolution 19-020. This resolution amends the legal description for congruity amongst the required documentation and authorizes the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to request said tract of land to be placed U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: Murray County

Use: Cultural Center Village

Purpose: Self-Determination

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Permanent Resolution Number 29-003**Amendments to Titles 3 and 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Corrections)**

Explanation: This resolution corrects section numbers and adds missing capitalization in Titles 3 and 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

Presented By: Legislative Committee To Table

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole

April 16, 2012

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Absent: Steve Woods

Land Development Committee

April 9, 2012

Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Mary

Jo Green, Steve Woods, David Woerz

April 16, 2012

Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz

Absent: Steve Woods

Legislative Committee

April 9, 2012

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods

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